

Individual Production Under The Contract Pooling Plan Makes For Best Results and Bigger Profits in The End

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**Call Has Been Issued For Members
of National Board of Farm Orga-
nizations to Convene in
Washington**

Happy? Happy? School I

condition that he has been given a reasonable chance to like it, the methods combined should keep on the farm. However methods are not everything. Behind them all should be a happy home life and understanding.

Federal Trade Commission Has Found This Grain Exchange Trying To Destroy Farmers Cooperatives in That Market and Has Ordered Them to Desist

the exchange room of the Chamber of Commerce Minneapolis, less freights and other charges, or otherwise limiting the exercise of independent judgment of any member as to the price which he shall pay the farmer, or

led by the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Minneapolis furnished the data and material for a great number of articles. Findings are also made by the mission with respect to certain

HOLD BOYS.
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A political cartoon by Morgan H. depicting a man in a hat and suit, likely a member of the 86th Congress, walking away from a group of men in military uniforms. The man in the hat is carrying a briefcase and a flag that says "86th CONGRESS". The group of men are standing in front of a building that looks like the U.S. Capitol. They are holding signs that say "SOLDIER BONUS", "LIQUOR QUESTION", "MELLOY'S TAX PLAN", and "FARM PROBLEMS". One man is shouting "SH-H-H - HERE HE COMES". There are question marks in the air, suggesting confusion or uncertainty.

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ADVERTISING RATES ON APPLICATION



THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1924.

ESSENTIAL RAILWAY REFORMS

Senator LaFollette authorizes the following statement with reference to the bill introduced by him to amend the Esch-Cummins Law and the Railroad Valuation Act:

The amendments to the Esch-Cummins Law and the Railroad Valuation Act which I have today introduced provide for the first time in the history of Federal legislation a scientific method of fixing railroad rates.

I propose that the Interstate Commerce Commission shall fix rates on the basis of cost of service. By cost of service I mean operating expense, plus actual capital cost. Capital cost is interest on bonds, plus fair dividends for stock that represents money invested. I reject the theory that public utilities have any right to earn profits on inflated and fictitious values.

The basis for finding the capital cost of transportation service will be provided in the reports of the Interstate Commerce Commission made in accordance with the Valuation Act. The principal purpose of this Act was to obtain findings of original cost of railroad properties so as to determine the amount of money actually and prudently invested. Unfortunately, this purpose has not been completely fulfilled owing to the opposition of the railroads. But a majority of the Interstate Commerce Commission have admitted, in their recent decision upon the petition of the National Conference on Railroad Valuation, that the original cost to date can and should be reported. My amendment to the Valuation Act directs the Commission to do this and further provides that where reliable records have not been preserved by the railroads, original cost shall be estimated from the ample data which are available.

These amendments, if enacted will fix as the rate base the amount of money prudently invested in the properties by the owners, and will out law for rate-making purposes the inflated and fraudulent claims of alleged "values" now put forward by the railroads. This means a difference of several hundred million dollars a year in the amount of the freight charges that must be paid by the American people and four or five times that much in their cost of living.

In accordance with a recommendation of the Interstate Commerce Commission in its Annual Report of December 1, 1923, I have provided that after a rate base is established it shall be kept up to date by adding the amount of additional net investment prudently made in the property. It will be necessary eventually to make some changes in the recapture provisions of this section of the Esch-Cummins Law in order to make them consistent with the methods of fixing rates which I have outlined above. I have refrained from offering such amendments, however, until I have had an opportunity to make a thorough study of the recent Supreme Court decision upholding the constitutionality of the recapture provisions.

For half a century we have sought to obtain transportation service at a fair price by requiring that rates should be "reasonable." The courts have nullified the efforts of commissions to establish a scientific method for determining what are "reasonable rates" and have ruled that rates must produce a "fair return" upon the "fair value" of the property used. Then, refusing to define "fair value" clearly and consistently, they have approved of rates according to their arbitrary judgment.

The way to meet this situation is clear. The highest courts have held repeatedly that rate regulation is the function not of the courts but of the legislature. It is, therefore, the undoubted right of Congress to define what are "reasonable rates" and to direct how they should be established. I propose, that Congress shall adequately perform this long neglected duty.

The amendments which I offer are based upon the principle that the private owners of the railroads are entitled to be reimbursed for the actual cost of the service they perform and to be paid a fair return upon the money which they have prudently invested in property now devoted to public service. Just compensation for services, reimbursement of expenses, and a fair interest on capital employed should be paid to

those who devote work or property to public service, but no more. Speculative profit from public service is indefensible.

It is high time that we require the private operators of the railroads to fulfill the same obligations that would be imposed upon public officials if there were public operation of this essential public service.

BETTER TEAM WORK NEEDED

The farmers organizations of Kansas are working together in much more harmony and to much greater effect than ever before. Nine agricultural associations participated in the recent meeting of the Kansas Agricultural Council at Topeka. A constructive program unanimously supported was adopted.

There are yet some discordant elements and strangely enough made up almost entirely of farmers or farmers representatives. The head of one of the oldest and most highly honored agricultural groups withholds his approval of the whole program of orderly cooperative marketing. The head of a strong organization of cooperative elevators is spending the money of his member concerns in opposing the pooling movement which is endorsed by almost all the organized farmer groups of the state.

The Kansas Agricultural associations are almost hitched up now in one team but they are not pulling together in such a way that the full power of such a union is being realized. The condition of agriculture is so serious that united effort harmoniously applied and coordinated is the only hope for better conditions. Let us all get together and work together in close cooperation. In no other way is it possible to make farming profitable.

The best Farmers' Union Local is the one that does the most effective work in solving the problems of the neighborhood. If the organization can establish constructive activities it will continue to grow in power and authority.

RECAPTURE CLAUSE CONSTITUTIONAL

The federal Supreme Court has just declared that the so-called recapture clause in the Cummins-Esch railway is constitutional. The railroads should now observe that provision of the law and settle with the government for the accrued profits in excess of the standard of earnings fixed by congress.

The law provides that all railway earnings in excess of five and one-half per cent of the value of the property used for operating purposes shall be divided fifty-fifty between the railroads making such incomes and the federal treasury. The money to be paid into the treasury is not governmental revenue but must be used as a fund to assist weaker roads in furnishing the people with the transportation service and facilities to which all the citizens of the republic are entitled.

In his address before the Farmers Union Educational Assembly held in Salina last September the general counsel of the Union Pacific System said his company would settle with the government whenever the court of last resort sustained the law. The Santa Fe officials have also declared that they will pay under the recapture clause whenever it is certain that they owe anything. The highest court in the land has affirmed the recapture clause. It is now up to the profit earning railroads to pay what they owe.

On the face of the annual statements since the law was enacted there are at least three roads in this state that have made incomes in excess of five and one-half per cent on the value of their property used for operating purposes. They should now pay up. Responsible officers of two of the systems have said that they would pay, if the Supreme Court sustained the law. Let them now pay.

The money due from the Santa Fe, the Union Pacific and the Burlington railways is needed in Kansas for the rehabilitation of the Salina-Northern, the Kansas City and Northwestern and several other weak roads that must be maintained in the interest of important agricultural communities. Will the big roads now pay or will they continue to look for other excuses for evading the law?

CASH OR CREDIT

The farmers of the United States have already borrowed about \$1,132,000,000 from the Federal Farm Loan and joint stock banks. This debt is constantly increasing and its limit is the total amount of farm mortgages in the country. There are many billions of other debts owed by the farmers. There are several farmers cooperative business associations, a good many of them in Kansas, that are in distress because they cannot collect the accounts receivable on their customers ledgers.

In addition to other measures of relief and far more important than any other thing that he

can do for himself, every farmer in this country should stop going into debt and should at once begin to pay what he owes. Every farmer who has conducted his business, both buying and selling, on a cash basis is sound financially. Every farmers business association that sells for cash only is solvent and prosperous. On the other hand the great majority of cooperatives that sell on credit are in distress and are headed towards bankruptcy.

A cooperative business association is organized and maintained as a service agency for purchasing and selling farm products and farm supplies. It has no money to lend to its customers and should require cash payments for everything. If a farmer must have credit he should get it at the bank and it is dead certain that if the bank will not lend him money his own association cannot afford to give him credit.

The surest way to make the Union and all its enterprises successful and worth it for members to observe their obligations and stay on the job.

THE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN.

The publicity campaign for the big pool is to be most intensive, Mr. Shanks and Ray E. Harrington, director of publicity, announce. Harrington joined the pool organization after eight years experience with the Associated Press, the last two of which he spent covering the capitol at Topeka.

Every organization in the state, farmers, business men, educators, clergymen and others, are to be enlisted in the educational campaign for the pool.

"We intend to go into every locality with some sort of publicity on this proposition," Harrington said. "The newspapers already have displayed a splendid spirit of cooperation in the movement, and we count on the business and professional men, school teachers and ministers for a great lot of assistance. It goes without saying that the majority of members of the organizations sponsoring the pool, particularly those on the various committees of the new organization, will boost the pool."

Harmony prevails in the camp of the new organization. Members of the Wheat Growers and the Union who dropped in at the new offices during the week expressed great enthusiasm over the ultimate success of the movement in their various localities. This may be taken as a fair indication that things are looking mighty promising at the start.—Wheat Growers Journal.

SAPIRO AND KENTUCKY TOBACCO.

The tobacco farmers were in the last ditch when Aaron Sapiro went down to Kentucky and organized the growers co-operative associations that market more than ninety per cent of the burley and dark tobacco of that district. They are now, as prosperous, perhaps more prosperous than any other equal number of farmers in the country.

Sapiro began his work in Kentucky without any contract for fees or any understanding with any one as to how much he was to receive. After the completion of the Burley Association the directors of that enterprise handed him a check for \$125,000. They must have felt that the services rendered were worth that much money or they would not have voted to pay it. Sapiro himself did not agree with the directors. He returned the check with the statement that it was too much and that he would only accept \$35,000. The charge that Sapiro exacted fees from the tobacco growers is being circulated in all the states where new co-operative associations are being formed. To this is added other allegations indicating that the Kentucky co-operatives have been made to pay too much for farms and other services. Probably the best answer to these charges involving Mr. Sapiro, Manager Stone of the Burley Association and Mrs. Ralph Barker is that since they were made public each association has elected an entirely new board of directors. These new boards have taken charge of the business of the associations and have re-appointed Sapiro as their counsel and Mr. Stone and Mr. Barker to their positions of responsibility.

It is evident that if the tobacco associations have been wronged in any way by Sapiro, Stone, Barker and Bingham they have not found it out.

Every cooperative association in Kansas that is in any sort of distress is in that condition either because its members have gone to sleep on the job or have betrayed themselves and their fellow farmers to the selfish interests for some insignificant mess of pottage. The very best way to rebuild the weak Kansas cooperatives is to restore the membership of the Union in the territory in which they do business.

Star Boarders

Nothing swats a farmer's wallet-pocket book, if so you call it—as do hungry non-producers in the barnyard or the pen; cows that rush the silage cutter yet give neither milk nor butter for the efforts and the acres of enthusiastic men; hogs that chew ground feed sublimely, yet quit growing most untimely and devote their lives to raising merely bristles, rose and tail; colts that relish oats insanely yet grow awkward and ungainly, and throw fright into the bidders when they're offered at a sale; turkeys that are nation best on the table of a dwarf; geese that eat in spite of weather yet grow neither flesh nor feathers as they kick and churn the water like a schooner at a wharf. In the world of coys I blundered for I fed them by the hundred since I first went into farming in the valley years ago, cows that gave poor milk, if any cows that weren't worth a penny, cows that never made a balance or a bank deposit grow. But at last, aroused from slumber, I took down the name and number of each cow that shirked her duty in a cheap shameless way—started counting gains and losses, and I found just two old bosses in my herd of gentle critters that were ever known to pay! Would a farmer be a hoarder he must banish each star boarder that he finds among his chickens, or his bosses, or his goats; he must clear his farm of loafers, as he'd clear his land of gophers, or he'll waste a heap of fodder and a lot of corn and oats!

J. Edw. Tufft.

COMMENT ON WORLD'S NEWS FOR WEEK

Ford Was the Busiest

Manufacturer in the United States last year. From his various factories he turned out 2,090,959 Ford cars 101,898 Fordson tractors and 7,825 Lincoln Automobiles. On this entire output, the greatest ever delivered by any producing institution in this world, he made money.

The wages in the Ford plants and on the Ford railway are the highest paid in this country but it is certain that although he pays the highest wages in the automobile industry Ford gets the cheapest labor in the United States. The Ford workmen feel that they are being treated fairly therefore each one of them delivers an unstinted day's work for a generous day's wages.

Ford products were all sold at prices fixed by the producer and delivered to consumers through the producers own agencies. Here is a lesson that the farmers should learn. They must have their own sales agencies and the prices of their products must be fixed by the producers through their own organizations. Whenever the farmers learn this they will make money faster than Henry Ford because they have an absolute monopoly of the production of commodities without which life cannot be sustained while this successful Detroit manufacturer has only a partial control of the production of vehicles and machines without which every human being could get along first rate if no more were ever made.

W. V. Allen.

Once a Populist Senator

Representing Nevada in congress, is dead. Few men remember just what sort of senator Judge Allen was. Fewer still remember the issues on which he was elected but every one familiar with congressional history will recall that he made the longest speech on record. In order to kill some measure which was opposed by his party Senator Allen, in course of a filibuster now famous, held the floor twenty hours for one single speech.

Whatever other faults that generation of populist statement may have had they were in deadly earnest and always willing to dispense unlimited oratory in the interest of reform.

King Tut's Tomb Has Been Violated

By vandals who pretend that they are in search of historical data. As a matter of fact the antiquarians who have broken into the great stone coffin of a man who has been dead for six thousand years are trying to make both money and fame. The English have no more right to break open the grave of a Pharaoh than the Egyptians have to burglarize Westminster Abbey and disturb the last resting place of Edward the Confessor.

In all the history of humanity there never has been a more inexcusable act than the violation of the tomb of that long dead king. If there is no space within the walls of that dwelling place of the dead there should be one place on all who have participated in its destruction.

Merger of Railway Systems

Is a dead issue. There will be no rail consolidations in this country under the provisions of the Cummins-Esch Act. The bankers, the big interests and the railroads themselves have united in defeating the project in which Senator Cummins placed so much reliance for the correction of transportation evils. The people for whose service the roads are operated were not consulted.

Perhaps it is just as well. The consolidation of two hundred lines into three or four systems would only have delayed the final unification of all the railways into one nation-wide cooperative enterprise owned and operated by the people for the sole purpose of serving those who must pay.

MINNEAPOLIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GUILTY OF UNFAIR PRACTICES

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the part of the Chamber of Commerce the Commission finds hindered and suppressed competition from the co-operative terminal marketing of grain in the northwest, and protected members of the respondent Chamber from the competition of cooperative associations.

Price quotations as sent out by telegraph companies on dealings in grain are found by the Commission to be necessary to any one dealing in grain in car load lots and the statement is made in the findings that no grain in car-load lots can be sold intelligently without knowledge of these quotations. The findings recite that the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce in 1914, the year the St. Paul Exchange was organized, by contract with the telegraph companies began to exercise control over all its price quotations and claimed the right to stop delivery of quotations without excuse by simply notifying "the telegraph companies to stop sending them to any particular person named." The contract also required the telegraph companies to submit to the Chamber for its approval all applications for subscription to the price quotation service. Subsequently both the Equity Cooperative Exchange and the St. Paul Grain Exchange made applications at different times to the telegraph companies for this service but the Chamber of Commerce refused each time to permit the telegraph companies to furnish the service, notwithstanding

Crime Is Increasing

In all the cities of this country. There is not a place of 100,000 population in the United States where life, property, and virtue are safe after dark. There are many cities in which vice is open and rampant and in which desperadoes and bandits are not daily committing acts of violence and robbery in broad daylight.

The remedy lies in the prompt enforcement of the laws against criminals known to be guilty. The courts are too slow. The great majority of murderers go unpunished. Only a few robbers are ever sent to jail. Banditry can hardly be regarded as a hazardous occupation.

Coolidge Has a Reputation

For being lucky that has never been surpassed by any other public man in this country. There are a good many people, however, who know better than to attribute the president's good fortune to mere chance. They know that since his boyhood "Lucky Cal" has made a practice of being entirely ready for the next step in the line of promotion ahead of him.

Luck has never taken any man to the White House even as a successor to a president removed by death. In his education, training and experience Coolidge prepared himself and by events and responsibilities was prepared for the highest office in the republic. It was the fact that he was and is fit for the presidency that made him the inevitable choice of the last national republican convention for the vice presidency.

The president is exactly the type of man who never puts the slightest reliance on luck unless his powder is dry.

Corn Prices Puzzle

All of the wise birds on the grain markets of this country. Last week the highest mark of the season was reached. This week or next corn will be worth still more in spite of the fact that animals that are fed on corn are declining in value. It is true there is not much satisfaction in feeding hogs with eighty cent corn. There appears to be plenty of corn in the country. In fact the crop of last year was one of the largest on record. On the face of things there appears to be a corn surplus much greater than the alleged wheat surplus that reduced prices of that grain far below the cost of production.

The farmers would love to know why there are rising prices for corn in a year of high production and low meat values and low prices for wheat at a time that it is all but certain that America will be buying bread for any of the next harvest is mill-

Murdock Has Just Resigned

From the Federal Trades Commission. Kansas people are glad to have so good a man back home and again working at the newspaper trade which he has done so well in the state. Still and all the good people of the west admired Victor Murdock as a member of about the only federal commission that has ever done anything for the average run of folks.

Murdock must do mighty fine work with the Eagle, which is already a splendid and fearless paper. If he hopes to be as serviceable to the public in the future as he has been in the past.

British Parliamentary Government

Will be put to a very severe test during the next few months. No party has a majority in the Commons. The Baldwin government must resign after the first adverse vote. The king will then ask Mr. MacDonald, the leader of the Labor party to form a cabinet and assume the responsibility for governing the empire.

The labor party is second in

strength as the result of the last elections but MacDonald can hardly hope to be endorsed by an opposition that out-numbers his own followers. It is hardly likely that the Labor administration will last more than a week or two before it is checked by a lack of confidence vote. Then there will be another election with all the signs indicating a result as in conclusive as the last.

Elections cost money, take time and are serious interruptions of business but the present fix in which parliament finds itself cannot be cured by monthly votes.

Wallace Says that Incompetents

Only have left the farms for other occupations in the cities. He declares that there is no occasion for any back to the farm movement and that as a result of the growth of city populations and of the improvement of agricultural methods and machinery the business of farming will shortly become highly profitable. This is good news if it is true, that is, it is good news for those few fortunate farmers who are financially able to carry on for the next four or five years without making any profits out of their operations.

There is a suspicion in the minds of many fairly well informed men that Secretary Wallace might find a few, just a few, real good farmers who have been crowded out of business by the hard conditions which they cannot control.

Mellon Is Having Trouble

With his tax plan. His own party divided. One faction wants a reduction that will not affect the bigger incomes and also favors the restoration of the excess profits tax on the earnings of corporations. This group is led by La Follette and is made up of the senators and congressmen from the northwest. The eastern republicans and the few remaining reactionaries that represent western states support Mellons proposal for the relief of millions and big business.

The democrats are also divided on the tax problems. Contrary to the general belief there are a good many millionaires and big business men in that organization. Naturally they are friendly to the Mellon proposals which are very frankly put forward as essential to the restoration of business prosperity.

Federal taxes should be readjusted. The so called nuisance taxes should be eliminated. The cost of tax collection should be reduced. The ambiguous provisions of the existing revenue law should be rewritten in language that can be understood. When these things are done congress should quit. There is no reason for any general reduction of federal taxes at this time because the present schedules are not overly burdensome and for the further reason that there is now no real surplus of income over expenditures.

This generation should pay its own debts. Congress should be put on notice that any small or large excess of income over expenses must be used for the retirement of interest bearing government bonds.

New York Will Have a Political

Convention. The democrats have not met down there since Horatio Seymour was nominated for the presidency in 1868. The republicans have not been there since Grant was president. Just what effect on policies and candidates the location of the democratic convention in New York may have no one can say for sure. The much is certain. The delegates will be surrounded by anti-prohibition, anti-Volstead, and anti-McAdoo forces.

Life to a choice between the devil himself and McAdoo the big business interests of New York would take their chances with the devil. They feel the same way about prohibition.

The Commission found that the respondent Chamber collected and furnished to the Cooperative Manager and Farmer practically all of the copy and data used in all of the published material to the Equity Cooperative Exchange.

The findings of the Commission recite letters written by officials of the Chamber of Commerce of Minneapolis intended to destroy and which did injure the credit and standing of the Equity Cooperative Exchange with banks, farmers, and customers and the public generally.

To further injure the credit and standing of the Equity Cooperative Exchange, the Commission found that the respondent Chamber of Commerce caused inquiries and investigations to be made at banks and other financial backers of the exchange and stockholders therein in order to create in them a suspicion that all was not well financially with the Cooperative Exchange and its stockholders.

Another unfair method of competition found to have been practiced by the respondent Chamber of Commerce and condemned in the order was the institution of vexatious or unfounded suits against the Equity Cooperative Exchange with the purpose or intent or with the effect of hindering or obstructing the business of the Equity Exchange or injuring its credit or reputation. The findings of the Commission recite the suits instituted and prosecuted by the respondents in bad faith to eliminate the competition of those engaged in cooperative methods of marketing grain.

Both home and farm account books can be secured from your agricultural college.

Department of Practical Co-Operation

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

To Local Secretaries And The Membership In General
We have the State Constitution for 1922, "containing the amendments as adopted," ready for distribution at 5c per copy.
C. E. Brasted, Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Crawford County Farmers' Union will be held on the last Tuesday of each month throughout the year except when this date falls on a Legal Holiday.
A. C. Brown, Co. Pres.

CRAWFORD COUNTY MEETINGS AT GIRARD KANSAS
Girard Local No. 494 of the Farmers' Union meets in Union Hall the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p. m.
L. E. Roof, Pres.
Roy W. Holland, Sec.

UNION LOCAL NO. 2019
Blaine O'Connor, Sec.
Regular meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p. m.
—J. R. Horton, Pres.

ORDER PRESIDENT BARRETT'S BOOK
We now have a supply of the book "Uncle Reuben's Activities in Washington," on hand and can fill orders direct from this office. Make remittance of \$2.00 to C. E. Brasted, Salina.
C. E. Brasted, Secretary.

UNION LOCAL NO. 273
Regular meetings on second and fourth Thursday each month.
Charles Crossardt, Sec.

LINN COUNTY MEETING
JANUARY 26.
The Linn Co. Farmers Union will hold their first meeting of the year, in the community room of the M. P. church at Centerville on Saturday, January 26, 1924.
A good program is being arranged. Come out and discuss farmer problems with us.
L. H. Fish, Sec.

SILVERDALE LOCAL NO. 2051
Silverdale Local No. 2051 meets every second and fourth Wednesday in the month at the Silverdale School House.
J. F. Lewis, Sec.

LANEVILLE LOCAL NO. 1329
Laneville Local No. 1329 met in regular session January 3rd, 1924. are still alive. Lodge transacted all business on hand.
New officers were installed for the new year as follows: O. T. Hull, Pres.; R. F. Koehler, Sec. Treas.
At the close, a good literary program was rendered followed with refreshments of sandwiches, coffee and apples. Everybody enjoyed a good social time.
Yours respectfully,
R. F. Koehler, Sec'y.

FORD MAKES \$67 PROFIT ON EACH ONE OF HIS MACHINES
NEW YORK—The Detroit plant of the Ford Motor Company made a profit the last fiscal year of \$67.71 on each of the 1,834,000 cars manufactured. The Canadian company produced 73,273 vehicles at a profit of \$69.29 a unit.

NORTON COUNTY SUBSCRIBES FOR UNION STATE BANK STOCK
The Norton County Farmers Union held their annual meeting at Norton January 10th, 1924. Unfavorable weather prevented a larger attendance, but interest was not lacking. The regular business was transacted. One constructive measure was the decision of the meeting to subscribe a share of stock in the Farmers Union State Bank at Kansas City, by the County Union.

Mrs. H. P. Bobst of the Almena Shipping Association explaining the working and value of a Shipping Association.
Mr. C. E. Huff of Oronoke, Kan., gave an interesting and instructive talk on progress and value of cooperation.
W. S. Porter, Sec.

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS RECIPE
Take two ounces of plain old fashioned work.
Add one ounce of confidence.
Flavor well all through with common sense.
Color with a tincture of dreams of greater and better things.
Eliminate all waste and worry.
Speak according to knowledge, act according to conscience.
Mix well and take morning, noon and night the year 'round.
of optimism, held firmly in a steady hand, this concoction is guaranteed.
Sipped from the silver-lined spoon

NAVARRA LOCAL NO. 1853
At the last regular meeting of Navarre Local No. 1853 the following officers were elected: Ray Back, president; E. Shockey, vice-president; Carl Silvius, secretary-treasurer; J. F. Back, conductor; F. Silvius, doorkeeper. Executive committee for the ensuing year is composed of the following members: M. Blagg, C. S. Isitt, B. H. Shank.

MARSHALL COUNTY ELECTS
The annual meeting of the Marshall County Farmers Union was held at Blue Rapids on Friday, December 21, with only a small number of locals represented, and a small number of delegates present. Some good talks on the good of the order were made by Chas Umsil, Wm. Finchow, John Frost, A. D. Fitch and others. The

Standing and Special committees, now filed their reports which were adopted as read.
The election of officers was now taken up and the following officers were elected:
A. D. Fitch, President.
J. L. Madsen, Vice-president.
Richard H. Mackey, Secretary-Treasurer.
Wm. Fincham, Jr., Conductor.
Wayne Laugherty, Doorkeeper.
John Frost, Lecturer.
Four assistant organizers were elected for the County as follows:
Wm. T. Gossin, Atxell, northeast quarter; August Wimpey, Frankfort, southeast quarter; Alvah Stryker, Blue Rapids, southwest quarter and L. T. Marshall, Home City, northwest quarter.

John Frost, Walter Bigham, and A. J. Wimpey were elected members of the executive committee.
Bro. John Frost was then elected as a delegate to the Jobbing Association and State Meetings at Emporia, to represent Marshall County. Brother Hafner as conductor, and Walter Cockerill as installing officer, then installed our newly elected officers after which the meeting adjourned to meet in Marysville Friday, March 21.
Richard H. Mackey, sec. treas.

ONE BONUS FOR ALL
Olathe, Kansas, 1-6-24 RFD 4.
Salina, Kansas.
So much has been said and written about the soldier bonus that it would seem that at this late date little remains to be said that would not be needless repetition. Yet to my mind and, as far as my knowledge goes, the one obviously just and correct solution is not being considered. Now that the war drums have ceased to throb and our normal reasoning powers have been returned to us let us ask ourselves a question or two and see if we cannot arrive at rational answers to them.

In whose employ were the soldiers when fighting the World War? They were in the employ of the federal government. Then why should the various states pay a bonus for services rendered?
If the federal government now grants a bonus to all ex-service men alike regardless of what states they may be residents of what will be the result? The result will be that the ex-service men of some of the states will receive two bonuses and of other states only one. They all are entitled to the same compensation for their services. Should the government then grant two bonuses in those states which have failed to grant it? No one seems to think so. And it must be said that the rank and file of ex-service men, as far as my knowledge goes, are not asking that two bonuses be allowed them, but that each and every one of them is entitled to ONE bonus.

Now, soldiers, taxpayers and public officials who are bound, perhaps, by pre-election pledges, as between man and man each of us wanting to do what is right as we see it, how would this do for a solution of the bonus question? "Let the federal government grant a bonus to those states in which it has not been granted and reimburse those states in which it has been." This would place all the soldiers and all the states upon an equal footing and be fair to the soldier and taxpayer alike.

We honor the boys who were in the Great War. We feel reverent in the presence of good fighting men, whether in the military or in the civil walks of life. Our keepest sympathy, however, goes out to the injured and to the widows and orphans left by the World War; and I believe the uninjured soldier, after sober reflection would say, "let any largess that the government might grant, beyond the one bonus, go to the more unfortunate class."

Now must we forget the taxpayer altogether as he also has rights which we are bound to respect. He is now, poor devil, confronted with a volume of national debt, so large that his children unto the third and fourth generations will be taxed to the limit to pay it. And not only that but he has the state, county, municipal, school district and private obligations that must be met. In the case of the farmer those obligations are doubly burdensome because of the deflation in the price of his products to about the pre-war level.

In conclusion let me say that the practice, now more or less prevalent, of securing political support by government gratuity is a real menace to the permanence of our democratic institutions and is heading this country toward deflation, repudiation or revolution.
Respectfully yours,
M. D. Bartlett.

FRANKLIN LOCAL CLOSES SUCCESSFUL YEAR
Franklin Local No. 1301, Ellsworth county on January 7 met at the school house in regular session. Favored by the weather, the attendance was good.

The meeting was opened by the retiring president, O. W. Holmes and the secretary's report was heard. The consensus of opinion is that the new officers will share heartily in the entire activities of the local, its work as well as its play. The events of the meeting called forth enthusiastic applause, and surely no more wholesome basis for effective cooperation could have been offered.

Mr. Caldwell proposed a sincere vote of thanks to the retiring officers and co-members for the efficient work so willingly given by them during the past year. Chester Turner

our retiring secretary having attended all meetings, but one, and during the entire year but one meeting—the last one—had to be postponed. We regretted the inability of Mrs. L. E. Heitschmidt to attend the last meeting of the year. Her bright, vivacious disposition, makes her the light and life of our social gatherings. Constant in her friendships, and gracious in her acquaintanceship, she shines brilliant in this community.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned for a social hour. This took the form of visiting and a luncheon served by a committee of gentlemen, with our efficient member, B. W. Holmes as chairman, and formed a most enjoyable closing of the old year and a friendly opening of the new large ly due to the abundance of wit of our tried and true member, Johnnie Hawkins.

Our next meeting will be held on January 21. Come out and meet our new president Mr. Herman Beihler, and our new Secretary L. C. Heitschmidt. Mr. Heitschmidt treated us all to chocolates and smoked on the strength of his little son, Morris, who was born January 7, 1924. The arrival of a grandson, Bert, Jr. on Jan. 6, was the cause of the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Turner at our last meeting.
Mrs. O. W. Holmes, Cor. Sec.

LIBERTY LOCAL INITIATES 24
Liberty Union No. 1988 of Stafford County held their regular meeting Friday evening, January 4th and in spite of the cold weather there was a good turnout. The secretary-treasurer gave the yearly report and the business manager gave his report showing a saving of over \$500 to the members of the local on commodities purchased.

We feel that a word of praise is due our faithful, energetic officers re-election and their past success. Other business was discussed and at the close of the business session 24 new members were taken in. After adjournment a reception was given the re-elected officers and new members.

A short program was given and refreshments of chicken sandwiches, cake and coffee were served to about 150. Next meeting will be Jan. 18. All members are urged to be present.

Cooperation is, indeed, the most fascinating theme. It grips the heart, in that it makes brothers of all of us. It appeals to the pocketbook, in that it does business in the most economical way. Then, let us study this most wonderful subject to the end that we may all become real co-operators.

1924 LIST STILL GROWS.
The following secretaries have reported to the state office members in good standing for the year 1924.
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D. H. Hadley, Glen Elder, Excelsior No. 388, twenty-seven.
W. A. Laughery, Halls Summit, Sharpe No. 1895, seven.
John Purma, Wilson, Zilska No. 1245, there are thirty members in this local and all are in good standing for the year 1924.

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Homer Alkire, Belleville, Grace Hill No. 1212, five.
H. G. Bloom, Mt. Ida, Cedar Head No. 2106, seventeen.
Francis Kelley, Colony, Indian Creek No. 2050, eleven.
F. A. Korber, Seneca, Korber No. 914, nineteen.
D. J. Dettweiler, Hasted, Fairview No. 2035, seven.
C. E. Wilson, Washington, Emmons No. 783, thirteen.
Velma Badders, Kincaid, Mt. Zion No. 2072, six.
W. A. Surber, Yates Center, Burt No. 2089, two.
Herman C. Wertzberger, McFarland, Mill Creek Valley No. 1873, eleven. One new member.
George W. Kaiser, Paola, Baker No. 1667, twenty-nine, one new.
Emil Svensstrom, Lindsborg, North Side No. 1061, two.
Thomas Hampl, Luray, Prairie Dale No. 370, eight.
Deane L. Smith, Colony, Gallia No. 2044, thirty-two, eleven new.
C. L. Peterson, Farlington, Ozark No. 699, thirteen.
G. W. Cashman, Centralia, Boardman No. 922, seven.
John Slingsby, Clay Center, Four Mile No. 1128, seven.
Norman Elow, Quinter, Fairview No. 932, twenty.
Clare Seyfer