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We notice the record of the recent death of Samuel Bowles, editor of the Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

The members of congress, who are in favor of the remonetization of silver and in favor of the repeal of the resumption act, have organized their forces and are determined on united and energetic action.

We send out this week a few specimens of THE SPIRIT to non-subscribers, hoping that they will peruse it carefully and come to the conclusion that they cannot afford longer to do without it.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL MILLER appears to be in trouble. The newspapers and the leading politicians of the state are making war upon him all along the line.

While he was in congress he was an untiring worker, and a credit to the state. In all the land steals he was the friend of the people as against the railroad land grabbers.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES. Many of our states have well endowed agricultural colleges with a corps of able professors, and yet, in our judgment, they are doing very little work for the benefit of agriculture or the agricultural classes.

established it is run by theologians; the law schools are run by lawyers; the medical school by physicians.

It may be of some use to our young men to attend these so-called agricultural schools and learn the theory of farming, but they cannot in this way gain the best results of an agricultural education.

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TRAVELS OF STATE LECTURER. On the 12th of the present month we started on a trip through Greenwood and Coffey counties, first going into Greenwood.

Another cause was, nothing had been done here in the way of co-operation; and still another cause was that most of the granges held their meetings only once a month, and when the busy season came even these monthly meetings were neglected.

We next went into Coffey county, where we found the Patrons alive and wide-awake to their own interests.

Here the members not only take the papers that keep them fully informed as to what the order is accomplishing, but themselves have entered earnestly into the work of co-operation, having one of the best co-operative stores in

the state, which is paying a very good dividend to those who purchase goods from it.

We found one brother, M. L. Barber, who had gone quite largely into sheep husbandry, commencing a little over two years ago on an outlay of only one thousand and thirty-five dollars.

We have no fears for the order in Coffey county; the members are among the very best in the state; they mean business; they are doing business, and with intelligence and co-operation they will force success.

THE GRANGE SOCIETY - CO-OPERATION, ETC.

EDITOR SPIRIT:—Having been a farmer in Kansas for eleven years—from the first settlement of Johnson county in 1857 till 1868—I can readily sympathize with the grange movement of to-day as supplying to farmers a great social benefit and pleasure.

But I want to say something about co-operation. Why should we combine or co-operate? There are some things that can only be accomplished by combined effort, some work that can't be done individually.

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I can't see how co-operative stores sustained by farmers can prove a permanent success. In England and Germany they have succeeded with mechanics and operatives for stockholders because it is a convenient way of investing their weekly or monthly savings.

Then again, the superintendent who manages a store can never be so careful of the business as if he was owner and alone responsible for losses or bad bargains; he will inevitably be more reckless, or careless, throwing the responsibility more or less on the directors, who, holding their office for one year only, cannot acquire that full experience needed for conducting a large business.

A farmer who has surplus cash can always buy his groceries by wholesale and his dry goods by the bolt or piece at about ten per cent. over cost, and it will be found after a dear experience that the expenses of co-operative stores, run in connection with farms, will exceed the profits.

Resolved, That we respectfully but earnestly urge congress to repeal the act prohibiting the coinage of silver dollars of the standard value, and to provide for the same freedom of coinage of silver as is now accorded to gold, and by appropriate action publish to the world its determination to retain silver as a legal tender and measure of value.

The resolution was prefaced by a lengthy memorial to congress, presenting the depressing effect upon commerce of the demonetization of silver. A resolution was also adopted calling a general meeting of citizens on the same subject in this city next Saturday.

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a few enterprising, energetic Patrons of Husbandry established what is known as the Grange, Co-operative association of Johnson county; they opened a store at Olathe for the sale of groceries, etc., on a capital of \$384.90.

The business of this association has been rapidly increasing under a careful and competent management until, according to the report for the quarter ending December 31, 1877, the capital with profits is \$4,096.44.

Can "Enquirer" see aught but benefit for farmers when such an exposition of facts is placed before him? And we might go on writing column after column showing like profitable results from the establishment of co-operative stores in this country.

The Patrons of Kansas are entering with a will into the great work of co-operation. There is much to do. It cannot all be done at once but the time is coming when each question that has any bearing upon the interests of the farmer will be taken up and acted upon according to their best judgment.

We, the undersigned citizens of Johnson county, state of Kansas, do hereby respectfully petition the governor of this state to call a special session of the legislature for the purpose of regulating the fares and freight of the railroads in this state.

- N. Ainsworth, J. D. Walker, J. F. Kroul, E. F. Wilson, W. H. James, E. Millikan, George Stevenson, James Stevenson, A. A. Sinner, D. F. Wallack, George Black, W. A. Danks, J. F. Essay, J. P. Lesueun, J. Millikan.

CHAS. A. EATON & Co., one of the largest cotton brokerage houses in New York City, failed on Saturday last.

According to a late dispatch from the United States vice consul at Shanghai, an appalling famine is raging throughout four provinces of Northern China.

A NASHVILLE, Tenn., dispatch of Saturday, says: "At a full meeting of the merchants' exchange, this afternoon, the following was unanimously adopted:

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This he refused to do, although his life was threatened. The west bound express train arrived at this time, and the operator by a desperate effort broke loose and ran to the hotel near by, arousing the inmates.

THE LATEST MARKETS.

Table with columns for market locations (St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City) and various commodities like Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Pork, Bacon, Lard, Butter, Eggs, and their respective prices.

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