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THE DAILY DROVERS TELEGRAM CONTINUES FIGHT

Direct Buying Of Hogs In The Country Detrimental To Producers

FARMERS OPPOSE DIRECT BUYING

K. C. Drovers Telegram, Dec. 26, 1927 ever had to to with the hog business, Telegram's Staff Correspondent Sums Up His South Nebraska Trip

PRODUCERS AGREE

That Packer Buying of Hogs Outside of Public Markets Is Baneful and They Are Ready For Action To Oppose It

Farmers of the corn belt are con-inced that direct buying of hogs in vinced that direct buying of hogs in the country by packers is a menace. them. Their unfortunate experience in the hog market for the past year leaves no other conclsion than that buyer except on the expressed condition that such hogs so sold shall be a sold shall sh The conviction has been forced upon system of marketing hogs which has shipped or moved to an open and cost them an average of \$10 a head on every hog they have sold during

The Drovers Telegram makes these of southern Nebraska, a representative of the Telegram met the farmers and live stockk producers of a large territory so that he might learn at first hand what farmers are thinking about direct packer buying and the rapid growth of packer controlled concentration points in hog producing territory. The results of the conferences with representative farmers in every county from the Colorado line to Superior Neb., where the Republican river valley turns southward in-to Kansas, have been told in a series

of articles in the Telegram. If the attitude of the farmers of lace. The only question today is: How can we meet the situa-

system and the danger it involves of country and get more money for their putting the big packers in absolute hogs in the long run. control of the hog market. The man ing is wasting his time; the farmer is

Expanding

"Concentration points" controlled by the big packers are multiplying in number and becoming in reality "dis-tribution points." With the luscious bait of alleged saving of commissions and other terminal marketing expenses, the packer's representative comes to the farmer's feed lot and bids him a price for his hogs. The farmer swallows the bait, hook, sinker and all, put the packer buyer's check in his pocket and delivers his hogs to be shipped to the concentration point. Heretofore the farmer has been sat-

isfied that he has outwitted the agencies of the central terminal markets and saved the marketing expenses. Sometimes he feels he has got more money for his hogs than he could get by shipping them himself. But change has come; the farmer is just beginning to realize that the packer buyers at the central terminal markets have been successful in "bearing" the hog market to such an extent that the farmers are losing much more in the price of hogs than the supposed saving in marketing expenses. system of direct packer buying in the country enables the packers to control the market and establish low prices at the central markets at the basis of the prices they pay for hogs in the country. Thoroughly convinced of the iniquity of the system and realizing they are at the mercy of the packers in the hog market, the farmers are asking. What can we do?

The answer in Nebraska is begin ning to take a definite form: "Lay down on the packer buyers." One hears this answer on every hand, coming in many different forms. One man will say, "Something must be done; we can't go on this way much Another will say, "I have made up my mind never to sell another load of hogs direct." Another will say, "If all the farmers would quit selling hogs to packer buyers, we could put a stop to this direct buy-ing." The man with the co-operative bias will say, "The farmers have got to play the packers' own game and their own concentration

ation of mutual and like agreements benefits realized and expected by the observance of such agreements, not competetive public market.

All such agreements to become effective only when ...% or more hog raisers of said county have executed like agreements and notice of such Signed this day of P. O., Neb.

Troubles In the Way

the system of direct buying has put sells them to a buyer who ships direct to the packers, or sends them to the packers' representatives at the "concentration points," billed with the unloading and sorting privileges. The the Republican river valley is repre- man who has a carload of hogs to sell sentative of the attitude of the farm-ers of the corn belt, and the Telegram believes it is, there is no longer any question in the minds of farmers as question in the minds of farmers as to whether direct packer buying in the country is desirable or not. That question is settled and another has question is settled and another has only way for the independent buyer to come back is for the hog producers Packer buying in the country is a to support him with their business; reality and it has been established by the big packers in spite of all the distance of the big packers in spite of all the big packers in spite of all the distance of the big packers in spite of all the big packers i cussion about the iniquities of the with direct packer buying in the

The system of direct marketing now who goes to the farmer today with in vogue can not possibly cut down arguments against direct packer buying is wasting his time; the farmer is
the central terminal marketing plan. already convinced that the system is It doesn't stand to reason that the undesirable and that it is responsible packers can send men to th ecountry in large measure for the wrecking of to take charge of the many concenthe hog market. He knows that direct tration points, maintain district agents buying has put the independent hog to supervise the buyers stationed at buyers out of business at country stallocal shipping points, provide for the tions; he knows it has wrecked one profits these buyers must have, pay shipping association after another; he the salaries of the men at the concenknows that it has diverted the best tration points and those of the district grade of hogs from the terminal mar- agents, stand the losses on hogs from kets, weakened the shipper market at the terminals, and enabled packer death in shipping, expense of unloadbuyers at the terminals to "bear" the ing facilities and office expenses, hog market and establish ruinously keeping the required accounts etc. basic packer buying; that it has and do it without making the hogs reduced the farmers' returns on the pay for it. These concentration points national hog crop \$450,000,000 this are springing up all along the lines of the railroads, at almost every whistling post. The packers are being forced to maintain more and more of them in order that each packer may "get his share of the hogs." Really it is hard to figure out how there can be any saving in marketing expenses. And no matter what system of marketing is in vegue the farmers' hogs must pay the marketing expenses. It is possible, indeed, there are indications pointing that way, that the packer buying proposition quite a big packers would prefer to quit di- good deal,:" said C. E. Headrick, a rect buying in the country. They farmer who lives north of town and would rather buy their supplies of handles a good many hogs. "I have

to buy their supplies at the terminal markets, too. It looks like a lair proposition. If the little packers can ket.

"Now, if I sell my hogs on today"

"Now, if I sell my hogs on today" buyers at the local stations pick up market and get paid for them, I get the best hogs, there is no way for the more money for them than I would be nackers to meet the situation with get, if I sold on a lower market to.

R. M. Green

any of the rest in many respects. We had a plu-perfect attendance; a good showing for these days when there are not provided by the situation with the set of the situation with t big packers to meet the situation with- get, if I sold on a lower market toout going to the country themselves. But there is no reason why any packlic markets where they can buy their supplies, markets close enough at hand to serve any of the smaller pack-

ing plants.
The determination and agreement ers to lay down on the direct packer buyers is the best answer that can be out that it pays to ship to the open given at this time to the question which is uppermost in the minds of you loss. the farmers, "How can we meet the situation?"

Such determination and agreement carried into execution would do more than anything else to put packer buyers out of business in the country and to bring back the local buyers who used to co-operate on an independent open market would react to the stim-ulus of increased competitive condi-

is deeply interested in the movement started in some parts of Nebraska to organize agains. direct packer buying. A majority of the farmers in several counties following meetings to consider the matter, have entered into such an agreement as this:

tion that if they expect the hog market with they was paying basis that they number "God must stop selling direct to packers and put their hogs on the competitive market, which should stimulate the price. This looks to me like mighty good work on your part and I hope that they will keen it hofsens the form I being a hog raiser of county, Neb., and believing in protecting the open and competitive public central markets. I hereby agree, in consider-

Very truly yours, FRANK E. HILTON.

PLAN TO FIGHT DIRECT BUYING fattened for the hog market to any Nebraska Farmers May Pledge Them-

selves To Act at Once SYSTEM ALL WRONG

Shipping Association Nuckolls County Expected to Take Action To Uphold Open Markets— Producers Aroused.

(Staff Correspondence)

Superior, Neb., Dec. 22.—Farmers of Nuckolls county are putting in a good deal of their time discussing There are difficulties in the way of effect it is having on the prices of their hogs. The slump in the mar-"direct marketing" and the ruinous ket just at the time their hogs were ready to go has hit the hog raisers of the independent hog buyers out of this section pretty hard and a good business in the country so there is no one at this time to whom the farmer all of the same mind, it appears, that the practice of selling hogs to buyers who ship direct to the packers is responsible for the low prices now

C. J. Slates, one of the larger live stock producers of the county, says: to get rid of direct marketing before we can expect any relief. The farmers' shipping association of this place is going to hold its annual meeting next week and there is a strong movement on foot to have the principles embodies in the McNary-laugen bill or a similar bill that stands for the same principles embodies in the McNary-laugen bill or a similar bill that stands for the same principles embodies in the McNary-laugen bill or a similar bill that stands for the same principles embodies in the McNary-laugen bill or a similar bill that stands for the same principles embodies in the McNary-laugen bill or a similar bill that stands for the same principles embodies in the McNary-laugen bill or a strong movement of the old time what kind of a top you're going to paid the same principles embodies in the McNary-laugen bill or a strong movement of th 'We've got to figure out some way

at this place has been one of the larg- taken away, est in the country and operated successfully a good many years. Some of the members ,however, have listbut they have said they believe the system is wrong and bound to depress the market in the long run.

"We're just cutting our own throats," remarked L. R. Warren, a young farmer from across the line in Jewell county ,Kan., who joined in the discussion. "I've been saying all the time that we're cutting our own throats when we sell direct. We'd get more money for our hogs, if we all sent them to the open market"

Mr. Warren handles several carloads of hogs every year on his Jewell county from and generally ships the hogs himself. He says he has made up his mind not to sell any of Tune In One Agricultural College for his hogs to buyers who ship direct to the packers. C. O. Warne, a neighbor of Mr. Warren, fully agreed with him and says he is opposed to direct Jan. 4.—Marketing Methods, Lecture packer buying.

"I have been studying this direct hogs at the terminal markets, it has come to the conclusion that a farmer been said, if the smaller packers had can never make any money selling his hogs to the packer buyer at home unless he is selling on a falling mar-

morrow. But I always prefer to take the chance myself; the market is as logs; there are plenty of central pub- I generally make money by shipping the hogs instead of selling them at home on the local buyer's bid. I Feb. 29-Marketing Methods, Lecture figure he knows more about what the market will be tomorrow than I do and I am sure he can beat me in of any considerable number of farm- guessing on the price, if it is going to be lower. I think you will find

> John Bargen, who lives north of Superior in the vicinity of Nelson shipped his cattle the first of the week and was pretty well satisfied Southwest Kansas Commissioners with the price he received for them. He said the hog market was in no

market more times than it brings

:: Neighborhood Notes ::

Christmas day was Raymond Donald's thirty fourth birthday. A number of his friends planned a surprise party for him that night at his home and his surprise was great when about fifty guests arrived and rusked dictate he rroad policies. Charges of great and arrived and rusked control of the read policies. home and his surprise was great when about fifty guests arrived and rushed in on him. An impromptu program was arranged consisting chiefly of the was arranged consisting chiefly of with the hog business, or who has ever had to to with the hog business, is deeply interested in some parts of Nebraska to started in some parts of Nebraska to organize again. Ackley, Finney country commission to organize again, direct packer buy
home and his surprise was great when about fifty guests arrived and rushed in on him. An impromptu program at incompetency were freely made.

Every farmer who has anything to do with the hog business, or who has earn fast becoming more intelligence. The delegates agreed that the country said Mr. Wallace in discussion on here and his surprise was great when about fifty guests arrived and rushed in on him. An impromptu program was arranged consisting chiefly of music, interspersed with recitations and solos, also Farmers Union songs. The opening number was "When the local chamber of commerce for of the matter as that he entertains.

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The delegates agreed that the country to get farmers of the country agree not to sell their hogs to any buyer who law should be given a chance. R. J. Ackley, Finney country commission of the local chamber of commerce for who has anything to do with the hog business, or who has anything to import the country agree not to sell the road policies. Charges of graft and engineering and estimation on him. An impromptu program was arranged consisting chiefly of music, interspersed with recitations agreed that the country said for the hogs saling so low when cattle and lambs are commanding satisfactory prices. They are interested in the movement on here was arranged consisting chiefly of music, interspersed with recitations and solos, also Farmers Union songs. The opening number was "When the opening number was "When the opening number was great when dictate he rroad policie

The orchestra consisted of Flossie Nester, Lloyd Porter, Francie Herynk Jr., violinists, and Mrs. Viola Porter, pianist. Old time violin music followed which was rendered by Francie Herynk, Sr., and Lank Taylor, Miss Herynk at the piano.

The music was exceptionally fine. Dainty refreshments were served and L. C. Gretten in behalf of the Bellview Farmers Union members who were there, presented him a fine chair in consideration of his faithful service as president of their local for five years. At a late hour they all de parted for home wishing Mr. Donald many more happy birthdays.

A guest.

SHAWNEE COUNTY We, the Shawnee County Farmers

Educational and Co-operative Union now assembled in Topeka believe in the principles of arganization in the Rockdale system of Co-operation. We congratulate the officers of the various business departments in the Farmers Union for their untiring work; vis, the Banking, Live Stock, Creamery, and Produce departments

lately started. We believe the Farmers Union is one of the best organizations in America to promote the welfare of agriculture. We believe every farmer owes it to himself and family to join this institution, for organization and co-operation in business and ballot box will get what is rightfully due the farmer.

We move the following resolutions be adopted:

Resolved that our Representatives

movement and for the retention of rect to the packers. I wouldn't be and to devise some means whereby surprised to see a resolution to that the powers, of the Federal Secretary effect passed and steps taken to form of the Treasury to discharge members a county-wide agreement. All that of the Farm Loan Board who are in to the Kansas State Board of Agriis needed to set the ball rolling is for sympathy with agricultural interests culture Convention at Topeka, Jan-The farmers' shipping association have interest only in big finance, be last season and I was the only one and to replace them with those who uary 11-14. I had the same honor

fluctuate. The Shawnee County Union desires that these resolutions be put in the

Farmers Union paper. Fred Gerber, President. Robert Staples, Secretary.

K. S. A. C. IN AIR PROGRAM

Valuable Information 7:15 o'clock (College of the Air Program)

I. Mill, Line, and Independent County Elevators. R. M. Green. Jan. 11-Marketing Methods, Lecture

II. The Kansas Wheat Pool. E. A. Stokdyk. an. 18-Marketing Methods, Lecture III. The Local Co-operative Elevator. R. M. Green.

R. M. Green. Feb. 8-Marketing Methods, Lecture VI. The Producers' Commission As- Caldwell as Santa, with the assister operating under federal regulation should go to the country to buy his have tried it out a good many times. Feb. 15—Marketing Methods, Lecture hogs; there are plenty of central pub. I generally make money by shipping the country to buy his large of our president, O. W. Holmes, distributed the numerous gifts, treats business to distribute the numerous gifts, treats are not of the numerous gifts, treats and the numerous gifts are not of the numerous gifts and the numerous gifts are not of the numerous gifts are not of the numerous gifts and numerous gifts are not of the numerous gifts and numerous gifts are not of the numerous gifts and numerous gifts are not of the numerous gifts are not of the numerous gifts are not VII. Cream Station Buying in Kansas. R. M. Green.

> WIII. The Linn Co-operative Creamery. E. A. Stokdyk 7-Marketing Methods, Lecture . The Farmers' Union in Kan-

sas. R. M. Green, Mar. 14—Marketing Methods, Lecture X. Methods Used in Selling Kansas Potatces. E. A. Stokdyk.

LAUD ROAD LAWS

Pleased by State Enactment GARDEN CITY, KAN., Dec. 22. such satisfactory condition. "The Southwest Kansas believes the pres-farmers around Nelson are talking a ent road law is the best one the state basis. Then the little farmer would have a place to sell his hogs and the open market would react to the stim-

sas the best in the state and that more

of the local chamber of commerce for luncheon.—Wichita Eaglę. ANDERSON COUNTY
There will be an all day joint meeting of the Farmers Union and the

Farmers Union Auxiliary at the Gret ten-Henderson home Monday, January Basket dinner. Every farmer welcome. State president C. E. Huff

will be the speaker.

meet on Tuesday, January 3, 1928, at 7:30 p. m., at the Antelope school house for the purpose of electing new officers for 1928. We will have a good program and lunch after the meeting. Every member is request-

Alex Kling, Secretary.

April 27, weight 1070, took them out on November 24, weight 2270, gain 400 pounds apiece, no grain, but blue ing ornerer than cats about direct within 10c of the top on the Kansas

VENTION?

Resolved that our Representatives I hope to see some there this time, and Senators in Congress be instruct- especially our young farmers. All ed to see that an investigation be persons present are invited to take ened to the bait of better bids from local packer buyers and sold their of three dollars in two months' time, all trend has been to encourage the hogs direct. Mr. Slates says that he in the price of hogs and the present credit system and hide our heads in soaring price of cattle above the price the clouds but too many are being farmer's failures to meet obligations a younger farmer gets a chance to when the price of what they must buy buy a home. Probably there will not remain excessively high and do not be many present who believe in hitching the protective tariff up backwards to make a few farmers pay the losses of a few exporters with an equalization fee. This fee is bound to be discussed until the people decide that it is a bad policy. I hope to see many dirt farmers at the meeting and would it not be wise for the Kansas Union Farmer to have a representative there all

Fraternally yours, Chairman, Executive Committee, Brown County Farmers Union.

FRANKLIN LOCAL HAS

Franklin local, No. 1301, Ellsworth especially including the little folks. James W. Anderson, secretary-treas-At 7:30 all partook of a sumptuous urer, with H. H. Ulrich as doorkeepan. 25—Marketing Methods, Lecture feast. The self-service worked ad- er and Ed Heaston for conductor. IV. The Kansas Co-operative Grain Dealers' Association. E. A. Stokday.

Left 1 Marketing Methods Lecture feast. The self-service worked admirably. The consensus of opinion being that this banquet surpassed any of the rest in many respects. We have the consensus of the consensus of opinion being that this banquet surpassed any of the rest in many respects. We have the consensus of the consensus of opinion being that this banquet surpassed any of the rest in many respects. We have the consensus of opinion being that this banquet surpassed and the consensus of opinion being that this banquet surpassed and the consensus of opinion being that this banquet surpassed and the consensus of opinion being that this banquet surpassed and the consensus of opinion being that this banquet surpassed and the consensus of opinion being that this banquet surpassed and the consensus of opinion being that this banquet surpassed and the consensus of opinion being that this banquet surpassed and the consensus of opinion being that this banquet surpassed and the consensus of opinion being that this banquet surpassed and the consensus of opinion being that this banquet surpassed and the consensus of opinion being that this banquet surpassed and the consensus of opinion being that the consensus of opinion being that the consensus of opinion being the consensus of opin were in a happy mood. Mrs. Pearl and Loren Williams of Baldwin. and also a number of joke presents. outside speakers to entertain us, but The kiddies with their emotional, im- planned a strictly home affair which Heitschmidt and Mrs. Fred Livings-ton were unanimously re-elected to their present offices. A short, snap-py program followed. The song en-titled "Beneath the Crust of the Old Apple Pie" was sung to the tune of more young people interested in Beneath the Old Apple Tree"-and Farmers Union work. it was a riot! We will meet again January 3, 1928. A Happy and Prosperous New Year to All.

hogs direct. "We are paying right er farmers at Oxford. now for the mistakes some of the farmers have made in selling their

do not ship to the open market. They now, of there were any responsible are becoming more and more convin- leader to start the movement. are becoming more and more convinced that there is no excuse for any packer, big or little to go to the country to buy hogs, unless it be to buy them cheaper than they can buy them on the open market. If so the farmers are suffering in consequence.

"Really," put in Charles Warren, "whenever competition is eliminated in the buying of hogs and the prices depend on private demand, we're blowed up so far as the business of hogs production is concerned."

leader to start the movement.

"I'll tell you, if this thing goes on much longer, we won't have any terminal market at Kansas City or anywhere else so far as hogs are concerned. The producers of this country have built up the open public markets and we are proud of them; we don't want to lose them."

George Fishbach, who has a farm of 400 acres south of Orleans, called attention to the fact that the big packers are driving the little butch-

Packers for Present Low Swine Prices

great deal of dissatisfaction among E. Stevenson, senior member of the POSTPONEMENT OF ELLSWORTH
COUNTY MEETING
The Ellsworth County Farmer's
Union Annual meeting was postpond until for January 7, 1928, on Saturday at 1:30 P. M. Election of officers; four cent gas tax, and other such matters will be in order.

W. L. Reed, President,
J. C. Pospisil, Secretary.

The farmers of eastern Furnas and western Harlan counties over the low prices prevailing for hogs. H. L. Regelin, who has a bunch of hogs on his farm eight miles north of Oxford, says that he can't afford to sell at the present prices and that there are a good many of his neighbors saying that they won't sell until the market gets better. Asked for his opinion as to the reasons for the unfavorable hog market, Mr. Regelin the sooner we will have better conthe farmers of eastern Furnas and firm of Stevenson & Son, who operunfavorable hog market, Mr. Regelin the sooner we will have better con-

in raising and handling hogs. He river, south of Alma, is another farmsell hogs to any buyer who ships dithe Farm Loan bill in its present form. ARE YOU GOING TO THE CON. and an exceptional record this year or who is convinced that direct buyered to the packers. I wouldn't be of raising 199 pigs from the spring ing has a good deal to do with the farrowing of 27 gilts.

market under their absolute conrtol," farmers who are handling hogs. continued Mr. Watson. "Earl says he wearing a Farmers Union watch fob. and feed them and get them ready than he can get by shipping them to for market when the packers can put the public market; let it take the the prices down like they are now." blame for making the prices for hogs C. E. Sheffrey, who lives east of on the open market so low that the Oxford about half way between Oxford and Orleans, is fully convinced load of hogs would pay the market-

that direct packer buying is respon- ing expenses on ten loads sent to the sible for the depressed conditions of open public market." prices have much to do with the farmer's failures to meet obligations pulled down by taxes and interest, although when one is forced to sell feeders on the market. Mr. Sheffrey handles about 1,000 hogs a year, buying tative farmers as are quoted above buying is detrimental to the best in- braska. They are smarting under the

strom Bros., extensive hog producers certed action would be welcomed by over near Orleans, said, "It is direct many farmers.

some plan to do away with it, we're blowed up." C. E. Wilton, another the hog producers out of business."

W. P. Please and C. F. Drew added the self as unalterably opposed to selling their testimony to that given by oth-G. M. Wallace, one of the most ex-

tensive farmers at Orleans, is rathhogs to the packer buyers. They may have thought they were making a few cents by selling at home, but are certain now they have lost dolof the matter as that he entertains.

MARION COUNTY

East Creek Local No. 1466 will reet on Tuesday, January 3, 1928, FOR A HIGHER MARKET the country and keeping them from being available to the little butchers

At Alma, county seat of Harlan county, the cause of the demoraliza-(Staff Correspondence) tion of the hog market is the topic Oxford, Neb., Dec. 22—There is a of discussion among the farmers. L. tion of the hog market is the topic

CHAS. BABBIT WRITES FROM
BROWN COUNTY

Corn averaged this year about 32 bushels; wheat 14 bushels, oats 25 bushels; alfalfa 3 tons. A neighbor turned 3 calves into my pasture on April 27, weight 1070, took them out on Nevember 34 weight 287 parks. In the sooner we will have better constituted it to direct buying of hogs by the packers. "We know there isn't any man not far from here had a big bunch of hogs on feed and one of the men who buy direct for the packers offered to cut out a load of the hogs."

"That's right," said J. W. Watson hogs at any time a load for western of Oxford "and the farmers are feel.

condition of the hog market which is "The packers are getting the hog bringing unreasonable losses to the

"The packers claim credit for diis going to quit raising so many hogs. rect buying that it enables the farm-He knows it don't pay to raise hogs er to get more for his hogs at home

feeders on the market and feeding gives one a fairly accurate indica-them for the fat hog market. "I tion of the feeling which exists never sell my hogs direct," he says, among the farmers of the Republican because I think the system of direct river valley country in southern Neterests of the hog business, from the lash of direct packer buying and standpoint of the producer. If the seeking some avenue of escape. It truth were known, that is what is takes a great deal of courage for the the matter with the hog market individual hog producer to go up against the system and turn a deaf Ray Sheffrey, brother of E. C., ear to the bids of the buyers, know-who is largely interested in cattle ing that the same influences that feeding on the old Sheffrey home have driven the independent shipplace east of town, agreed quite fully per buyer out of the local market with his brother as to the trouble are brought to bear to depress prices with the hog market. The Nord- paid at the public market. Con-

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT made a very good representation for In sizing up what a great time the county.

C. A. Ward of Lone Star was county banquet we decided to reneat the operation again next year county on December 20th, held the elected president of the county or peat the operation again next year Christmas meeting for the members ganization for the coming year, at Marysville.

The executive consists of Asa Coleare so many diversions. All present man and Louis Howell of Lawrence As this meeting was the annual

aginary spirit of Christmas, natural- was enjoyed by all present and lastly had the best time of all. But the ed until almost sundown and the mergrownups thoroughly enjoyed L. C. Heitschmidt's surprise on opening his joke parcel. Henceforth, his pression of the passed endorsing the Federal Course of the passed endorsing the passed endor ence cannot be concealed. The us- erated farm organizations Legislative ual short business session was held, policy straight through. A resoluduring which O. W. Holmes, L. C. tion condemning the present discrim-

> The convention appropriated \$10 to the State Org:—for their general expense fund and all felt that the cost of Farmers Union efforts at the

we had at Ottawa at our Douglas

In conclusion of this meager report, we extend to all good Farmers Union folks who read the Union Farmer a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. James W. Anderson, Sec.-Treas.

TREGO COUNTY LOCAL NO. 753 The members of Farmers Union Local No. 753 met in regular session Friday evening, December 16, with a good attendance. D. G. Francis of the Produce Association was present with some good co-operation pictures on market dairy and poultry products which were very instructive as well as entertaining. The batteries to run the picture machine

were furnished gratis by A. J. Har-

ris of Wakeeney . The next regular meeting will be

Mr. G. H. Ross of Sabetha, Kansas, was a caller in the office on Friday. He and his wife were called oben market would react to the stimulus of increased competitive conditions by the return of the packers to buy their supplies of hogs from the only source where the hogs would be available.

Separation of the packers to buy their supplies of hogs from the only source where the hogs would be available.

Keep At It, Says He Editor Telegram:—I have been reading with much interest your arreading with much interest here on account of the serious illness

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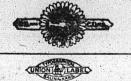
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advertising, should be in seven days before the date of publication. Notices of meetings can be handled up until noon Saturday on the week preceding publication date.

Communications and Questions—Communications are solicited from practical farmers, members of the F. E. & C. U. of A., are at liberty to ask questions on any phase of farm work. Answers will be either published or mailed.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1928

DEMAND A RATE CUT

Agriculture in the middle West is demanding that congress give its shippers reduced export rates on wheat and other grains to match the low competitive export rates existing in Canada.

Representatives of the principal farm organizations in Kansas met recently in Kansas City to forward a joint resolution to Senator Arthur course, but nothing could be done about it. The Capper and other Kansas representatives in congress calling for a congressional investigation into the export situation which gives Canada an advantage over the Kansas farmers.

Drafted by Clyde Feed

Clyde M. Reed, rate man, former chairman of Kansas farm interests in the recent fight by the railroads to increase grain rates, drafted the resowho sponsored the joint resolution to be presented

C. E. Huff, president Farmers' Union, Salina. C. E. Brasted, secretary Farmers Union, Salina, ill crop that does nobedy good. Now a controlled organizations. Ralph Snyder, president State Farmers' Union Manhattan.

R. E. Lawrence, secretary Farmers' Co-operative Association, Hutchinson; also representing J. B. Brown, president Kansas Co-operative Grain Dealers' Association, Larned.

H. I. Hartshorne, vice president Farmers Cooperative Commission Company, Ford. Caldwell Davis, master State Grange, B

John Vesecky, president Southwest Co-operative Grain Marketing Association, Kansas City. E. R. Downie, general manager Kansas Co-op-

erative Wheat Marketing Association, Wichita. farm organizations and sponsored outspokenly in promised to place the resolution before the senate as soon as it was received.

The resolution:

Resolved, by the senate and house of representatives of the United States in congress assembled that a situation has developed that requires prompt and immediate consideration to be given by the interestate commerce commission to the adjustment of freight rates from the wheat fields of the United States to the various ports through which export grain moves in order that the American farmer may be placed upon a parity in the matter of rates charged their principal competitor-the Canadian farmer.

The interstate commerce commission is authorized and directed to make an immediate investigation of the rate structure of the carriers subject to the interstate commerce act and to adjust such rates on a basis of the rates now available for the movement of Canadian grain for export, so far as such rates may be lawfully applied to the movement of export grain from the various grain growing sections of the United States to the various ports through which export grain

A Disparity Discovered

have discovered the disparity between Canadian pay a higher rate to a port export than the Canadian farmer, since both nations are close com- of Kentucky from twenty-ninth place in 1919 to petitors of the world market. An adjustment of twelfth place in 1924; the advance of Oklahoma SALES OF CERTIFIED SEED POTATOES the conditions also is called for in the resolu- from twentieth place to seventeenth; the advance

on wheat for export from Colby, Kan., to Balti- South Carolina to twenty-fourth and twentymore, 1,600 miles, is 59 cents a hundred pounds seventh places. South Dakota and North Dakota, More than 71,000 bushels of potatoes were handor 36 cents a bushel. A Canadian farmer can which were among the leading states in 1919 led. Expenses for the year amounted to \$5,739, ship wheat for export from Regina, Sask., to Que- dropped to eighteenth and twentieth places, resbec, 1,728 miles, for 38.34 cents a hundred or 23 pectively, in 1924. cents a bushel. Likewise, export wheat from Wichita to Galveston, 700 miles, is 26.4 cents a STEADY GROWTH OF KANSAS CITY SALES nance the seed association, and half was carried bushell. The rate from Theodore, Sask., to Ft. William, Ont., the same distance, is only 12 cents; a bushel.—Kansas City Star, Dec. 8, 1927.

OUR MATCHLESS PROSPERITY

ity ever was in history, the market took a strong in July, 1919, was incorporated with share capture upward in all stocks which by any stretch of imagination could be affected by Ford pro
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On November 1, 1927, the Exchange had a strong in July, 1919, was incorporated with share capture of the future of the fu duction. Makers of parts and accessories, deal- position from the old established firms, of which ing with Ford or likely to deal with him, found there were more than 90 on the market. By 1924 The heaviest shipments for the season, 456 cars sistance. Ours is a rich heritage, es- far from the average person's ideas sibilities for us to assume and duties their stocks running up on the exchange. One it had risen to second place on the market in were made by the Montrose association. In the railroad in particular scored a considerable ad- volume of business and has ever since been in previous year the Exchange had 21 local units vance on the supposition of earnings by hauling second or third place. Ford material and products. Over seven hundred The following table shows number of animals potatoes which sold for \$6,407,132.

This confidence in the future bases upon a conthan for some time past as to the reality of our be corrected. apparent prosperity, and are asking what will happen if Ford does not shortly reach and maintain a high level of production, or if his business is secured by a decline in the business of some other maker. The feverish market stands ready for chills at a moment's notice, it seems. Business has shown some decidedly weak spots lately, able. But it may happen. Many New England buying, the market turned and declined rather steadily. This steady decline kept buyers out of the market. Probably if there had been neither the market turned and declined rather was to blame, and they could quickly and quickly and quickly and quickly and quickly and quickly and they could quickly and quickly and quickly and they could quickly and quickly and quickly and they could quickly and quickly advance nor decline in prices buyers would have a fairly wholesome thing in a democracy. cuss vet.

THING—FOR SOMEBODY poor yields would not pay the cost of picking. the situation could be worse-much worse. Growers went broke. It was unfortunate, of inexorable law of supply and demand demanded that the excessive supply pass into "strong" hands at very low prices. Growers should have been glad there were men able and willing to buy it. Suppose there had been no market at all? In spite of the criticism and complaint it has worked the Kansas utilities commission and counsel for out very nicely, and even the grower is beginning to appreciate what was done. Clever business men simply took that valueless crop off the farmlution. Those who attended the conference and ers hands and made it into money. The mills in International Co-operative Alliance. The new the injunction in the machinists are not to be trusted with your own their efforts to the utmost to feed and near Greenville, South Carolina, a single small area, will distribute five and half million mittee of the organization since 1921, and has volved in the Teapot Dome leases. sword will slip, and you will cut your less and the civilian populations of dollars in dividends this year, it is said. It is an held responsible positions in other co-operative So he proceeded to the task of re- self; throw it away, and let me jab the allies as well. But when the war

separate stocks were traded in in asingle day. market price would not have cost the consumer a dime more, would have given growers a living reviction that Ford will have an enormous business, turn—and spoiled Christmas for a few operators. and that other automobile manufactures will not Over the two-year period there was no surplus. lose sales thereby, but possibly even increase Nature happened to provide the larger part of them. That the whole industry, and through it the two-year requirement in one year, and that all business, will be stimulated and expanded. was a calamity to the grower. But tradesmen Some very careful persons are much less sure made fortunes out of it. Such a condition must

AN ESSAY ON THE WASTE OF ROAD FUNDS Those who would completely centralize control of the Kansas road program (and their chief support seems to come from outside the state) find the dollars a year. He gets his resigna-present system a failure and a waste of taxpayers' tion. The division of air forces deand present hopes are based upon the improb- money, because township officials don't know what type of machinery to buy. They get stung. mills have put a ten per cent wage reduction into An industrious reporter, whose salary someone floating coffins. They say that reeffect—a decidedly bad symptom. The explanations offered for the weak spots would be comic bought that "wouldn't pull itself uphill." That is under other conditions. A trade paper declares not the half of it. Some have been bought that seriously that though there was a fear in early can't be pushed downhill. But those who paid for autumn that advancing markets would curtail them knew at once of the blunder. They saw the

stayed out because the market was dull and un- No doubt a good deal of tax money has been interesting. It has to be explained, and whatever wasted by the smaller official groups who handle the market did explains it. Agriculture has all road funds. But they have made only small misways been a pretty good customer, representing takes, as a rule. To err is human, but to err on a yet about one-third of our people, and being a large scale is a feat of engineering. This office is major industry. The farmer has had things hap- fairly busy, but for every dollar which has been WE STILL STONE THE PROPHETS May you, childlike, fancy free, pen to him which more favored groups have been wasted by the local road officers, and which may able to avoid. His present condition explains be pointed out, we will agree to find where two some facts in the business world, if men are not dollars have been wasted by the "experts," through knew of him the heroic struggle of blind to see it. They may miss the whiskered old poor judgment, faulty engineering, poor material the senior Lindberg. The home which or plain graft. But we cannot agree to locate the gave Col. Lindberg his ideals and blame in most cases. The greatest fraternity in outlook knew how heavy a load can LAST YEARS LOW COTTON PRICE A GOOD the world is The Loyal Order of Buckpassers. The farther officials are removed from contact with The 1926 cotton crop moved out of the growers the people they represent the more "passes" there praise of great crowds does not spoil him. Once in a while, upon leaving hands as disastrously low figures. Ordinary and are. The present system may be poor enough, but young Lindberg is that he still re- the cottage, the soldier would give

ANOTHER MAXIM RUINED

To win success, they tell us that A fellow must have grit and sand. We know a farmer, though, who failed Because he had that land of land.

At the close of the Twelfth International Congress, held in Stockholm in August, the Prime Minister of Finland was elected president of the president has been a member of the central com- strike, and that he was guiltily in- money; not only that, but that long our armies in the field, and the arm-

GLIMPSES OF CO-OPERATION

Numerous changes in the relative importance ganization: of the various states in regard to activity in cooperative marketing and purchasing took place during the first five years of the present decade. The resolution, which has been indorsed by the In that period occurred the almost nation-wide movement in behalf of what was termed commoda recent meeting of the Farmers Union of Kan- ity marketing. More than a half-million farmers sas, will be introduced in the senate by Senator were interested for the first time in marketing Capper, according to Mr. Reed and the group of their products co-operatively. During the fivefarm leaders. They said Senator Capper had year period no less than 50 large-scale associations for handling single commodities were formed and began operating. Among the new associations were 15 for marketing cotton, 6 for marketing tobacco, 15 for handling wheat, 3 for potatoes, 2 for rice, 2 for peanuts, 1 for broomcorn, 4 for wool, and others. Not all the organizations survived the vicissitudes of infancy. However, the co-operative map of the United States was changed, as is noted by an analysis of the data | Melon Growers' Association, Adel, Ga., recently compiled from the agricultural censuses of 1920

At the beginning of 1920 the ten states in which there was the greatest amount of co-operative activity, in the order of their relative importance, as measured in dollars, were: (1) California, (2) Minnesota, (3) Iowa, (4) Nebraska, left open pending further investigations as there (5) Kansas, (6) Illinois, (7) New York, (8) South Dakota, (9) Wisconsin, (10) North Dako- nically guilty. Of the 113 expelled fully half Federation of Labor is accounted certainty the same expert more re- leaking in the White House South taa. At the close of 1924 California was still had also violated their agreements in 1926. in first place but all the other nine states had either gained or lost in relative importance. Iowa the five year period. Illinois had advanced from of an asset. sixth place to fourth, and New York from seventh among the ten leading states at the beginning of have been mailed out upon request. In fighting the rate case, the farm interests the period, were in the seventh and eighth places, respectively, having advanced from twenty-third its work for the 1928 season early, in order to be export rates and the rates from Kansas to the and fourteenth places. Nebraska, which was in able to supply the needs of the growers in Flornearest export ports in the United States. The fourth place in 1919, dropped to ninth during the ida in January. Questionnaires were to be mailed resolution would call for a congressional investi- five years, and Ohio established itself in tenth to all stockholders of the Corporation on Decemgation to discover why the Kansas farmer must place, whereas it had formerly been in the twelfth. Some of the marked changes were the advance the tonnage required.

of North Carolina from thirty-seventh place to The Kansas farmers have dicovered the rate twenty-second; and the advance of Georgia and Potato Growers' Association, Inc., Cadillac, Mich.,

AGENCY A steady growth in business since it started opself. Net worth at the end of the fiscal year was manity's experiences in meeting—and others will soon be forgotten. We Although we are living in a wonderful erations is shown in the report of the Farmers' \$851, compared with \$46 in 1926. Union Livestock Commission, Kansas City, Mo., recently published. This agency was established When the new Ford car came into the market, by the Kansas branch of the Farmers' Educationmore widely advertised than any other commod- al and Co-operative Union, October 14, 1918, and

CHANGES IN RELATIVE CO-OPERATIVE IM- | handled and sales value for each of the eight vears, as reported by the ma

•	Stock handled				Value of
,	Year	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep	Stock handled
	1919	43,760	99,775	11,575	
9	1920	57,369	127,640	13,359	
•	1921	81,655	157,355	23,895	
3	1922	97,852	187,839	28,241	7,655,768
;	1923	122,316	234,798	35,301	9,319,710
	1924	163,088	313,065	47,069	
	1925	132,595	216,076	47,751	
•	1926	108,410	202,306	51,269	
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	Total	807,045	1,534,854	258,460	\$68,393,528

MELON ASSOCIATION EXPELS UNFAITHFUL **MEMBERS**

Acting upon instructions from the board of directors, the executive committee of the Sowega expelled 113 members for violation of contracts and selling melons outside the association. Charges were preferred against 158 members but upon investigation it was found that 48 had not wilfully the law. The gathering officially violated their agreements and charges against endorsed his stand. them were withdrawn. A few other cases were was a possibility that the members were not tech-

The management is convinced that this honor system is greatly preferable to the old system of was in second place and Minnesota in third, just liquidated damages, as a grower held in an assothe reverse of the situation at the beginning of ciation against his will becomes a liability instead

Many new members are being enrolled. Twenplace to fifth. Kansas had dropped back to sixth ty-seven new contracts were received during the place, and Texas and Missouri, which were not first half of November and many blank contracts

> The Sowega Fertilizer Corporation is beginning ber 1, in order to be able to make an estimate of plates what a ghastly farce he has tims were taken from jail or from far lower than it is among the so-

BRING NET GAIN

Commissions of the Michigan Certified Seed amounted to \$8,163 for the year July 31, 1927. leaving a balance of \$2,423, of which half was Andy's presence in the Treasury. ansas 3, Tennessee, 2, and Kentucky, Farmer. turned over to the Michigan Potato Growers' Exchange to be retained as a working fund to fito the surplus account of the seed association it-

COLORADO POTATO EXCHANGE GAINS IN

MEMBERSHIP In the 1926-27 season the Colorado Potato membership of 2,821, grouped in 24 local units. with 2,812 members, and shipped 5,660 cars of

REFLECTIONS

OBSCURING THE TRUTH

It must often seem to the ordinary garden variety of human being that the major business in the departments at Washington is keeping facts under cover. President Coolidge proposes to a build the cooling and idge proposes to rebuild the navy new and modern basis. Admiral Magruder says the present arrangement wastes a hundred million cause will continue to lose ground. clares the idea and use of naval ves- Swinging ever on the gate of time, Blade. sels is absolete, and that the new utterly useless and defenceless. They censure the navy department for withholding the news of the results withholding the news of the results. Let a year in,—keep a year out. Let a year in,—keep a year out. utterly useless and defenceless. They As the years come flocking up warfare of this day and age, not to Let a year in,—keep a year out. speak about the warfare of tomor-row." No doubt it will be found Slowly swinging, ever slower, "economically sound" to build a new navy, even if it is not sound to provide farm relief.

The amazing and well-deserved popularity of Col. Chas. A. Lindberg recalls to all who knew him or who Let a year in,-keep a year out. be piled upon a man in public life man with a rifle and a bayonet who, when he displeases those in political once a year, went to the cottage of power. Perhaps one reason why the a peasant, and exacted tribute from and abuse. He knows how fickle a lize that he was not parting with his money without good reason. One More than that, he is about the thing popularity can be.

Daugherty ought to be impeached, permitted them to violate the law with jury tampering.

of human experience.

PROHIBITION IS AN ISSUE

Senator Borah wants the major political parties to declare themselthe Volstead Act and the Eighteenth ty that will not say in advance that it will enforce it will not enforce it. The Anti-Saloon League, ostensibly representing churches and civic orplay. A new department was redealing with education, publicity and erican Justice. research. Dr. Ernest H. Cherrington, who had lately refused the secthe new department.

message to their recent national meeting for a stricter enforcement of

publish a weekly paper, have consist- the victim was fired from the pistol Chicago speech makes it plain that if ently supported the prohibition movement, though the American been fired from no other. With equal for the farmer a sympathetic under-Raymond Lonergan, in Labor, published in Washington, D. C., and in- pistol in question was reposing dustdicates the attitude of a great labor ily in a pawn shop when the crime

Prohibition is in no immediate danger, but there may be a different The joke seems to be on the two story to tell in a few years unless Italians. the "drys" do something to secure more efficient enforcement.

Andrew W. Mellon is one of the world's most successful distillers. No

made of it.

by permitting them to get all they Some of these involved more than as in the United States the farmers one person, so that a total of 15 have lost. Perhaps there isn't as

OLD VERSUS NEW

will not permit a more militant pol-Be that as it may, unless the league as the recognized leader of prohibition sentiment, abandons "pussyfooting" tactics, the "dry" THE SWINGING GATE

Back and forth in childhood's

Through the swinging gate of time Let a year in,-keep a year out.

'Til at last it closes fast, Years of life are measured out-Unending years are measured in.

Swing unaged by passing years-Let a year in,—keep a year out. -Franklin Hess.

A FUNNY STORY Once upon a time there was

tains a memory of mob threats, of the peasant a playful jab with the yellow paint, of misrepresentation bayonet; that made the peasant real-Former Representative Oscar E. day a maker of swords called at the only one correctly to state the out-Keller, of Minnesota, died recently. peasant's cottage, and made for him standing reason for the farmer's fi-Some five years ago Keller became a long, sharp sword—longer and nancial difficulties. His enemies in convinced that Attorney General sharper than the soldiers bayonet. the East have been shouting that he When the soldier next came around, and he determined to do it. He was the peasant showed him the sword land (as if that were some kind of warned that it meant his political and refused to pay tribute. The sol- a crime.) death, but he insisted that Daugher- dier was indignant. "That is a very ty favored certain corporations and silly thing for you to do," he said; he says: "haven't I always treated you well? the sword and the soldier went away competition.

very angry. This is a good little "The direct results of the lack of

Such a public service as the re- very angry. This is a good little moval of Daugherty, in opposition to story to remember when someone timely consideration of the situation the political powers that-be, result- tells you your own organization can- is seen in the abandoned farms and

AMERICAN JUSTICE

A bootlegger name of Remus de- and capital investment is being conclared his wife had doublecrossed sumed. him while he was in prison, had misves regarding the enforcement of used his property and funds, and tually a command from the governhad carried on an affair with the ment that the farmers buy machin-Amendment. He declares that a par- man responsible for his arrest and ery without limit, to enable them to imprisonment. So he shot her. The carry on without the man power jury promptly acquitted him on the drafted for Pershing's army. In orground that he was insane. He con- der that he might do so the banks ducted his own case in court. He has now only to prove himself sane. Then, before the farmer had any ganizations, and kindred group sent- has now only to prove himself sane iment, seems willing to continue its and he will be free-and something chance to get himself out from ungame of political strategy and horse of a hero besides. A newspaper head line says "Jurors Praise Remus." He Board demanded immediate liquidation, with the result that corn went cently created within the League, characterized his acquitted as "Amfrom \$1.50 to 15 cents in six months

A boy snatched a woman's purse and the farmer's house was brought and tried to escape with it. He was down on his head. retaryship of Home Missions for the caught. The purse contained a dime, Methodist church, was made head of and probably a powder puff. He drew ten years in prison and no take on this great indebtedness and Master Taber, of the National praise. It is devoutly hoped that he since the food administration put a Grange, made a strong appeal in his will learn respect for law before his maximum on the price he could reten years are up.

nesses against Sacco and Vanzetti restore his former financial status. was an expert who testified with cently testified in another case. But was committed, and the expert was shown up as a second rate guesser.

A BETTER RECORD FOR LYNCH-INGS

one pretends that he favors prohibi- during the year 1927 there were 16 peasants. He says that American tion, yet for almost seven years as persons lynched in the U.S. In 1926 | farmers ought to be happy if they Secretary of the Treasury he has there were 30, in 1925 there were could rise to the level of European been responsible for enforcing the 17, and 1924 the same as 1927, 16. peasants. He thinks there are many In 1923 there were 33 lynchings. Of parts of the United States where the Probably he chuckles as he contem- the 16 cases in 1927, 12 of the vic- standard of living of the farmers is officers outside. Four of them were called peasantry of northwestern Back of Mellon is President Cool- burned to death. In 42 cases of at- Europe. idge, who, as Gifford Pinchot puts tempted lynching the officers pre- It is true that in many sections of it, placates the "drys" by talking law ented the act, either by removal of Europe the farmers seem to have enforcement and pleases the "wets" the prisoner, or by armed resistance. The Anti-Saloon League has mild- whites and 53 negroes were saved much difference today between the ly criticised Mellon, but it has never from mob violence. All of the vic- American farmer and the European directed its shafts at Harding or tims of lynching in 1927 were ne- peasant as we have been taught to Coolidge, the men responsible for groes. Mississippi had 7 cases, Ark- think."—H. A. Wallace in Wallaces

Perhaps the rich supporters of the | Louisiana, Missouri and Texas 1 each league, the Rockefellers, for example Hardly an enviable record yet.

THESE MAY BE FUNNY Beauty surgeons say the matter of lifting a face is comparatively simple The hardest part is keeping the face it lifted when the bill comes in .- Arkansas Gazette.

Modern womans garb has more atitude than longitude.- Toledo

Some pedestrians who do not choose to run get their names in the papers, too .- Council Bluffs Non-

MISUNDERSTOOD

Wife (announcing husband's decision to give up his profession): "Yes, my husband's burnt his bridges behind him."

Visitor: "How very unfortunate! I do hope they weren't his best pair."

THEY MUST HAVE WATCHED SOMEONE HELP THE FARMER Boss: "What are you two boys doing walking so slowly us those stairs?

Jackson: "We is wo'kin', boss. We s carryin' dis heah desk up

Boss: "I don't see any desk." Jackson: "For de Lawd's sake, Thompson, we done forget de desk."

PERSHING RECOGNIZES THE FARMER'S CONTRIBUTION

Not since the World War has there been any such adequate public recognition of the part played by the American farmer as that given by Gen. Pershing in his Chicago ad-

brought it all on himself by buying

Gen. Pershing tells the truth when

"During the war we insisted that without criticism, that he "framed" You are upsetting old customs; you the American farmers should expand moving that gentleman and patriot you again with the trusty bayonet; ended we failed to consider that from the cabinet. Daugherty had don't you remember the fun you used there was a certain responsibility upmade one Wm. J. Burns chief of the bureau of investigations, though Burns had even then been charged to have trying to wriggle off the point?" The peasant was an obstinate fellow and refused to give up effects of excessive production and

ed in the elimination of Mr. Keller from public life, and gave him time to reflect on some of the hard phases of human experience.

not help you, and that you had better depend upon him instead.

Adopted from Western Producer.

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Adopted from Western Producer. iorating, improvements are halted

> That is exactly right. It was virder the load, the Federal Reserve

As Pershing says, since it was the government that compelled him to ceive, the government owed it to the One of the most damaging wit- farmer to give him an opportunity to

Pershing has been mentioned oc-The railway brotherhoods, who finality that the bullet which killed casionally for the Presidency. His belonging to Sacco, and could have he should be chosen, he would hold lacking in the White House.—South

MAYBE WE WILL BE IN LUCK IF WE GET UP TO PEASANTRY

"A good friend of mine who has spent much time with American farm ers but who was raised in Europe snorts every time he hears mention of the fear that American farmers Tuskegee Institute reports that will descend to the level of European

bad. And so it is with the new ways, making of new adju-ments. Some of There are ways and laws that have some are good and will influence the us do not like to ride in elevators be-'lile cause we must do a little adjusting. solving—life's problems. They are the should not cling to the past, and sigh world it is not a perfect world—yet result of age long struggles and are for the passing of opportunities of ac- nor one that has no opportunities or "our heritage" which we take for cumulating wealth or exfecting ideas. one that cannot be improved; for ingranted, not even feeling grateful to There are still innumerable invenstance, there is legal murder to be abol the learners and the doers of the past; tions to be made. Somewhere near a ished in most parts of it. The past nature, of ignorance, and the inherent the office would soon be closed. We would but one that still holds oppor-

we must perform.

pecially we Americans, but we must today.

have toleration in regard to be hapst and future attainments. Not all old ways, ways of believing, thinking and doing, are good, neither are they all The best safety device known is a

Ladies' Auxiliary

didn't give the kiddies a fair chance, in the Junior contest. We sprung the idea upon them just before Christmas, and what child has time to think of any thing but Santa Claus before Christmas? I know ecause I haven't thought of much else for quite a spell, and it has been a long time since I could have qualified in the Junior contest.

We are sure that the ones who

We are sure that the ones who have responded will be patient, and willing to give others a chance and wait one more month to see what chance they had at the prize.

Just a word in regard to the prize we are offering. Do you think we just a word in regard to the prize we are offering. Do you think we just a word in regard to the prize we are offering. Do you think we just a word in regard to the prize we are offering. Do you think we just a word in regard to the prize we are offering. The word in the ones who er advantages we may reap from the association together. I am quite anxious that we get started, and if the suggestions that have been submitted are adopted we will have a real live corner. LET US HEAR FROM YOU.

Junior Contest

Prizes For Best Letters Containing Suggestions For Conducting A Junior Department. Prizes For The Best Name For Us To Use.

In order for us to get our Junior department started and in good run-ning order by the first of the year, it has been suggested that we begin with a contest, that will last through November, December and January, ending

This contest may be participated in, by any child under fifteen years of age, whose parents are members of the Farmers Union in good standing.

The requirements of the contest will be, a letter written by the child giving his ideas of how a Junior Department should be conducted. And a name by which the Juniors will be known, in the columns of the paper. The judges will grade on neatness.

The prizes will be a Fountain Pen for the Best Letter and an Eversharp Pencil for the one the judges think is next best. The best letters will be printed, and all who write letters will receive Honorable mention.

Send your letters to the JUNIOR EDITOR, KANSAS UNION FARMER, SALINA, KANSAS, BOX 48.

WOMEN ARE NOT NEW EN- portant from an economic viewpoint, not a mere question of bargain-hunt-FIELD

As long ago as 1883 women were invited to attend a Co-operation Congress held in Edinburgh, Scotland; and although the movement had been sponsored by seven women only, fifty were present at the meeting. Their organization was called first a League and later a Guild. As usual the women en entered heartily into the work, the report of that meeting being that many present volunteered to act as local secretaries pro tem, and went back to their various localities to press on the work of making branches."

The first circular issued by the League states its objects in full, and they are given here to show the high standard these early workers set themselves.

In the spread a knowledge of the long that women are timid and bound always by convention. In their peace propaganda, carried on even during the war, they showed the falsity of this idea. In their "Hints To Speakers" it is stated, "No problem was ever solved by running away from it, and that is not the Guild way"! Another legend which lingers long is the belief or declaration that women are the talk-alive sex. We note with amusement in their own co-operative products and were against buy-looked after the welfare of the employees in their own stores helping to shorten hours of labour and to raise wages for girls and women.'

Two old beliefs or legends regarding women receive rather hard knocks in this story; one is the belief that women are timid and bound always by convention. In their peace propaganda, carried on even during the war, they showed the falsity of this idea. In their "Hints To Speakers" it is stated, "No problem was ever solved by running away from it, and that is not the Guild way"! Another legend which lingers long is the belief or declaration that women are the talk-attention of the mondation of the work of making they be a shorten hours of labour and to shorten hours of isome wages for girls and women."

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the nation.

4. To improve the conditions of women all over the country. Who can say that these women did not hitch their wagon to a star?

the details of the growth of the work has received recognition from the whole Co-operative movement, Guild as the organization was named in 1884 must be read if this romance government. They are now representof every day life is to be fully ap-preciated. From the beginning these Co-operative Union, and on numberco-operative women showed a combination of rational and dignified independence, organizing capacity and high ideals, and this same spirit has marked the whole history of the movement—a combination to which are due the wonderful results after 44 years of strenuous, unremitting Davies and Miss Davies (assistant each other. The good seems to lie forming grasses, such as bunch-grass and bribery rumors which have been down in the hidden deep down in th secretary) retired from the offices hidden deep down in the heart of the and bluestem, in meadows, pastures, floating around the country. I can they had held so long, the whole human soul and when the fountain Guild joined in inviting the mto be- is touched thru the bonds of friendcome life-long honorary members of ship and sympathy the good pours There is nothing that is quite so beautiful as the love of a companion ferred especially to the mutual confidence which had always existed among all members. She said: "To make progress it is not only now."

There is nothing that is quite so infested places should, by all means, be burned before Christmas. The burning should be done as soon as the grass and weeds are dry enough. If the burning is completed before the private property of the real political graft which is the private property of the private property of the real political graft which is the private property of the private prope all branches and committeees by con- forth in an abundant stream. make progress it is not only neces- My little companion who has passsary that the rank and file must have ed on and who now waits to welcome confidence in their elected leaders, those whom she loved on this earth, but leaders must also have confidence appreciated the kindness of our in the rank and file. Both are equally friends far greater than I can exnecessary, and both are based on sin-

cerity, openness and experience." A Bird's Eye View bird's eye view of the many important life, somehow seemed to steal into subjects the Co-operative Guild her soul and soften the pain which tackled. The chapter "Education" was unbearable. shows that they understand the true

Those kind an meaning of the word, as Mrs. Lawren- form of the nurses, were more than son said "What we want is real cul-dorable. ture, which draws out all the faculties I was and powers, with a desire to do our part in the salvation of others." (Al-

They trained themselves to conduct ter. business in an orderly and prompt way, wrote essays on domestic and on citizen questions, studied public health, factory acts, housing; supported such reforms as women's suffrage, school clinics, economic status of wife, raising of school-leaving age ,old age pensions, medical aids, maternity benefits, etc. They learn that their special work of buying was very im-



BORDER, NO. 4951 This towel is stampel on an excellent quality of material that will a little and we want all to know that The songsters will be busted. not lint glassware. It comes hem- we thank them most kindly.

After we have had time to think it over, we have decided that we didn't give the kiddies a fair chance, in the Junior contest. We sprung the

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Send 12c in silver or stamps for our UP-TO-DATE FALL & WINTER 1927-1928 BOOK OF FASHIONS. showing color plates, and containing 500 designs of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Patterns, a CONCISE and COMPREHENSIVE ARTICLE ON DRESSMAKING, ALSO SOME POINTS FOR THE NEEDLE (illustration of the various simple that the color of the colo ing; they bought their own co-operatrating 30 of the various, simple stitches) all valuable hints to the home dressmaker.

Pattern Dept., Kansas Union Farmer, Salina. Kansas. Box 48.

SYSTEMATIC BURNING WILL DE-STROY CHINCH BUGS

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to devour our crops when careful sysplaces will destroy 985 bugs out of every 1,000. Each female bug that lives ever winter will come out next spring ready to describe the control of the contr spring ready to deposit from 300 to 500 eggs on the wheat or oats. Therefore, for every female that is killed this fall or winter, there will be at ed on the chief executive bodies of the less public bodies in every part of leach 150 less first-brood bugs for the The Hon. Jonas Slickery, M. C., wheat or oats next spring and 10,000 Washington, D. C. less second-brood bugs for the corn

nent summer. "Good authority indicates that 98

grass and weeds are dry enough. If the burning is completed before Christmas, such bugs as are not destroyed by fire will be exposed and will die before winter is over. To kill the largest number of bugs, it is best to back-fire, so as to burn slowly against the wind. Individual farmers will be benefited by burning, but the largest results community came of large property of the real points.

Left Erie Friday morning and called at Neosha Falls and went from the term there to LeRoy where Mr. Moore had an order for me for a car of Union Gold products.

Before I left Erie, Judge Crall gave me an order for a car of Union Gold flour and feed; always get an order from Erie. Those beautiful flowers, those kind Space and time forbid more than a sent her during her fight for love and paigns of burning will be far more because the big men in the business satisfactory."

For fear the banker makes me

I'll maybe get a crop one year in

God grant the city man a clear Blue

writer money, Blue Heavens will help this bee to

To counter this get out the Old Tin

at sight,

alarm.

Blue Heaven.

This oft sung song will

"MY BLUE HEAVEN" Those kind angels of peace in the

I was given to see the most cour- Must spend my life like thousands of ageous fight that was ever waged for life. Never once during the ten days Toiling from early morn till late at ways this same combination of learn-ing and doing is to the front.) of suffering did that courage slack-en. Always the answer "I am bet-

"FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS"

the few short years that are allotted

While we journey here together

the country.

When the beautiful form was laid The mortgage on my implements and away and the shapely hands were Because the bank examiner took given to rest our friends were there. Although not present all, the symbols of love and friendship were there. The flowers that were sent My crops have failed me three succarried the message of sympathy and the memory of that sympathy will be It hurts like Hell to see my wife in

From the depths of our hearts we wish to thank all for their contribu-tions. We wish to thank Brother C. Because out west we get too much E. Huff for the message of consolation. Our undying gratitude is extended to Howard Baker, James Little and Walter Newman for the songs they sang. Thanks to those hands that carried to the final resting place our wife, mother, companion, sister,

and friend. Muriel and I have received some kind letters and beautiful cards which But if the farmer gets so plum dis has helped to cheer our hearts just gusted and quits the farm has helped to cheer our hearts just

med with either gold, blue or red border and is 17 by 32 inches in size. A deailed working chart showing the exact color scheme is suplied with each towel. This towel will be sent postpaid to any address upon receipt of 30 cents.

For 25 cents additional we will send you our book, "The Art of Embroidery," consisting of ten complete lessons with 70 illustrations showing the we thank you for Muriel we thank you for Muriel

we thank them most kindly.

While the Christmas time is here and it is good to know that hearts will be gladdened, we shall gaze into the misty beyond and look for the face that is looking this way, for in that smile we shall find the Christmas cheer that bids us welcome, to the land that is of love and sympathy.

In behalf of the relatives let me thank you for your sympathy.

Again let me thank you for Muriel

We thank them most kindly.

To counter this get out the Old Tin Lizzie,
And tell your brother farmers to get busy,
Lets organize our power Divinely given,
And thus share in the city man's Blue Heaven.

Let's organize I say, then when we sell.

We'll get a price that wont look, A deailed working chart showing the exact color scheme is suplied with each towel. This towel will be gladdened, we shall gaze into the misty beyond and look for the postpaid to any address upon receipt of 30 cents.

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In behalf of the relatives let me thank you for Muriel all the principal stitches in embroidery.

M. O. Glessner, Salina, Kan.

And tell your brother farmers to get busy,

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You were pretty shrewd as a boy, and to arrive at the position which you hold as Corporation Attorney, you had a sory of the strength of the arrive at the position which you hold as Corporation Attorney, you must have rather a complete knowled. This towel will be gladdened, we shall gaze into the misty beyond and look for the busy,

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Let's organize I say, then when we sell, which we misty beyond and look for the death to arrive at the position which you hold as Corporation Attorney, you must have rather a complete knowledge of how, to break the laws without being held to account for it, and you are probably now playing a wise sell, whereas our friend and brother members of the city man's Blue Heaven.

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RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

We head to arrive

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Dear Jonas: During the three years you have been a member of Congress, I have us we learn to be acquainted. We per cent of the bugs that live over been rather surprised that you name learn the good and the bad traits of winter will be found under clump has not been connected with the graft ravines and waste places and along not quite make up my mind whether fences and roads. All hiding places you have really became honest since you have made your pile as a Corporif a number of bugs are found, the ation Attorney, or whether it is be-

and sympathetic letters that were for best results, community cam- so I am almost convinced that it is have scared you off.

I remember one time back in the sand hills when I was working on a cattle ranch, a man came in and home-It seems that I by Natures Laws designed

Must spend my life like thousands of my kind.

Atternation, a man came man and a care and a standard a packed a piece of land inside our big pasture. He planted a patch of watermellons, and of course we boys took quite an interest in this mellon patch. One night when we thought the mellons might be ripe, my pal and I, without saying anything to the rest of the boys concluded to make a raid on the patch, we walked down there and en tered the patch, and just as we were stooping over to pick a big mellon, about a million guns went off behind us, and we felt the shot strike us, but that did not prevent us from breaking all records for a three hundred yard dash. You know we could feel the blood running down our legs; but finally, we stopped to see how badly we were hurt, and found that the blood was only sweat. Do you know what had happened, the rest of that darned bunch of boys on the ranch had seen us start, so they rode their horses and beat us to the patch, and it was they who did all of the shooting. They got all of the mellons too, and they brought the rinds home with them and rubbed them all over our faces as

we lay in bed. Of course Jonas, I suppose the opportunities for small grafting are rather plenty, and the chances of getting caught are not so great, and it may be that you are devoting your attentions to these small matters and although I was mad enough to kick the rest out, it was too blamed cold, so I just used some strong language and shivered. not trying to horn in on the big deals.

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and ask you to introduce a bill into Congress for the farmers. I noticed by the rapers, that you are rather boosting Sir Herbert Hoover for President; you are sure to make a hit with the farmers of the country by doing this, but why not

Your old school mate, A. M. KINNEY.

A FARMERS UNION PEDDLER December 12th. First stop was at

The managers meeting was one of the best we have ever held; there were about seventy managers and directors there and all were very enthusiastic about the Farmers Union Business. Mr. Huff made one of his splendid talks which always carries conviction to his hearers; Mr. Witham, Mr. Sea-mens, and Mr. Bullard all made good talks. The meeting then was turned into a round table discussion, and mearly all of the managers took part.
Mr. Clark of Girard, Mr. Crall of
Erie, Mr. Chapman of Paola, Mr.
Thowe of Amla, Mr. Moore of LeRoy, ton and many others spoke to the point about Farmers Union business methods. It was a good get-together meeting. More than forty set down to supper at the Sunflower Hotel where they were served biscuits made from Union Gold flour, with Union Gold butter to spread on them, so

you see we felt at home down there. Left Erie Friday morning and call-

At Burlington, Mr. Dodge and Mr.

Ingle gave me an order for a car of Union Gold flour and feed, and Mr. Dodge booked for a car of Farmers Union twine.

Called at Burlingame, and then drove to Harveyville where Mr. Cox booked a nice order for Twine. At Lyndon I booked a car load order for twine, and had another fine visit with Mr. Lyons, and with Mr. Anderson in the Farmers Union bank. happened to have enough money to get out of town this time so I did not ask to borrow any; but I am sure that Mr. Anderson rather looks with

suspicion on all pedlers.

Mr. Ulrey the manager at Berryton gave me an order for ten thousand pounds of twine, and Mr. Boyd at Pauline an order for three thousand five hundred.

Seen along the road. A Dodge sedan ying in the ditch, with a man kicking the glass out of one of the doors. asked him why he was doing this, and he said, "All of the rest of the glass got broken, and I thought they might as well look alike."

Now I had an accident one of those cold days, I drove into the Southwest corner of a hay wagon (One fellow had the nerve to ask me the other day if I had driven into any more hog wagons) and broke the glass out of one of the doors in the Pontiac, but although I was mad enough to kiel

A. M. Kinney.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY Whereas it has pl eased the Heavenly Father, to remove from this earthly home, Georgetta, the daughter of our beloved members, Mr. and Mrs. George Totten of Snipe Creek Local No. 924.

Therefore be it resolved, that we the members of this local extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy. Re it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and a copy be spread on the minutes of the local and a copy be sent to the Kansas Union Farmer for publication.

Alvinia Feldhausen

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HOME OFFICE—DES MOINES, IOWA

Pen Pictures of the National Convention

(We shall give to our readers the pictures of the Convention as drawn by editors in other states. Our position colors our judgment. These men are all honest in their reports, but the re-

PEN PICTURES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Here is the way it looked to Editor Herron, of Nebraska. If the reader will keep in mind the fact that for several years Nebraska has somewhat bitterly op-posed President Barrett, and that all of Bro. Herron's contacts during the convention were with those who were opposing him, that harsh and bitter things were said, and that his group was defeated at every turn, it will help in understanding his view. We believe it is a sincere and conscientious presentation of the convention as Bro. Herron saw it. It did not look quite like this to this editor. If our membership reads all of these articles they will have a broader and clearer view of the convention than the membership in any other state, probably. It is probable that the Nebraska members, for instance, will get no other report than that which the press carried, and this in their own paper, the Nebraska Union Farmer.

OLD REGIME WINS IN NATIONAL UNION CONVENTION

Newspapers have carried the report that the Farmers Union national organization split in the 23rd annual convention, held in Des Moines, Iowa, November 15, 16, and 17. That is vote is supposed to represent 1,000 members. In addition, there were president of the Oklahoma Farmers six officers and directors, each with not strictly accurate. John Simpson, Union, probably expressed the feel- one vote, giving a total of 105 votes. ing of the majority of the insurgents when he said that it was a waste of money to pay dues to the national or-ganization under the present leader-ship, and that the money could be ka Union board members attended used to better purpose by the State the convention. Unions. But any question of with-drawing from the National Union must be decided by the state conventions, not by the delegates who at-

tended the convention in Des Moines. The Nebraska delegation made a supreme effort to get a new deal in early November this year between L. Farmers Union or not. He didn't the national organization. Kansas J. Taber, national master of the think the question was so significant. could have turned the tide, but the Grange; Sam Thompson, president delegates from that state were pre- of the American Farm Bureau Fed- be right here and doing business," \$8.40. 140s to 180s \$7.75 to \$8.20. viously lined up for Mr. Barrett, eration, and himself. In these con-Tuesday evening it was rumored that ferences, they compared the resolu- intelligent farmer left in the United \$6.50 to \$7.50. Stock pigs \$7.50 to \$8.00. tire voluntarily, and thus release tions and found many things in compledged delegates. But he did not mon. choose to retire, nor did his backers

for national president. If these states should decided not to participate in the National Union next year, it would leave the national lorganization to the would leave the national lorganization of the National Union next year, it would leave the national lorganization stand, so he told the representatives surface for Farmers Union members.

Market next Monday, same as usual. Banks will close, however. FARMERS UNION LIVE STOCK that he had said they would write insurance for Farmers Union members. in bad straits, for nearly, if not quite, half its revenue would be cut off. The administration forces would then be count on the Farmers Union going in the position of winning all the bat- along. tles and losing the war. At the close of the convention the administration handled for a Farmers Union busiforces were very much more worried ness association, Mr. Barrett boasted Life Insurance Company in the Nethan the insurgents.

the insurgents that they represented have thrown out every single blessed more actual members to whom cards had been issued than did the victor- have taken before the tax-appeals stock corporation. ious administration group. Repre- board," he cried. sentation should be based on cards actually issued, and not on dollars paid in. And even where all the home more than a day and a half at the Farmers Union Live Stock Commoney paid in comes from dues, there a time. He poured oil on many troumission of Sioux City because he is a change to pad representation by blick waters and got an increase in would not submit. He invited any figuring dues for one quarter only, at the tariff on garden seeds. This com- of the Nebraska bunch to come to 614 cents per member, rather than for pleted his record of achievements his office, and if they couldn't settle the whole year at 25 cents per mem- for the year.

The Farmers Union Band of Batavia, Iowa, and the Hackney Harmony Hounds of Kansas, a male quartet, furnished good music through- of his financial report this year. Con-

ture of the convention, showing, as nearly as possible in the limited space for the year amounted to \$36,200.58. available, just what happened.

'The Opening Session ference of opinion as to the condition Des Moines convention was \$8,of agriculture, Milo Reno, president 459.80. of the Iowa Farmers Union, declared, of methods. The issue is peasantry ary of \$5,000.00, was \$9.419.33. or independence. The solution cannot be delayed.

No remedy has been proposed by any other agricultural group that Reno said. The Farmers Union has consin. In northern Illinois, Mr. Reno touches the heart of the problem, Mr. taken its stand for cost of production. Farmers are entitled not only to the comforts and luxuries enjoyed by other classes, but also to the same culture. "Anybody who doesn't think that way," he challenged, "is ready to put on peasant's shoes, for he already has a peasant's heart.

Organization Imperative Mr. Reno said he believed in legislation, but that it is of no use withorganization. Farmers constitute less than one-third of the voting class; therefore, they do not have the vot-ing power. Until they have a classconscious organization, they will get no relief. Labor has got what it wanted, not by voting, but by organizing its services. In spite of discounting legislation as a remedy, Mr. Reno said he hoped the convention would indorse the McNary-Haugen

Progress comes not from achievements, but from mistakes, Mr. Reno declared in closing. Farmers have a right to make mistakes and be mistaken. Farmers should be glad to be this committee and incorporated the assured of this right, said C. E. Huff, Farmers Educational and Co-operapresident of the Kansas Farmers tive Union of Wisconsin. Union, in responding, for up to this time the right to be mistaken is the this matter was held in Augusta, right they have used most.

War on Co-operatives ing, the board refused to indorse the Mr. Huff devoted his time chiefly action of those who incorporated the to reading and commenting on a let- Wisconsin organization, and declared ter alleged to have been sent out by the state open territory, but urged the a group of interests that handle and Northwest Committee to refrain from process farm products, calling an entering the state for organizing pur-'agriculural trades economic confer- poses. ence" in the Palmer House, Chicago, Much Interest in Gasoline November 80, 1917, to organize By Wednesday afternoon some of

these old-line business interests the committees were ready to report. against the farmers' co-operatives. The first one "to bat" was the com-The letter called co-operation a mittee on co-operative gasoline and 'menace to invested capital" particu- oil companies, headed by Emil Becker larly if given any sort of govern- of Nebraska. This report aroused mental aid or protection. mental aid or protection.

With this kind of a threat hanging cussion, which was the only discus-over the farmers, Mr. Huff reckon-ed it was no time for Farmers Union operative enterprise that took place people to be bickering among them- on the convention floor. After lastselves. "We've got to play the big game," he declared. "We must stick together, or we will be utterly detogether, or we will be utterly de-feated and discredited."

To those "in the know" the reading of this letter was not a surprise, for it had been reported in the lobfor it had been reported in the lob-bies the evening before that Mr. Huff was slated to do this job in an effort to quell insurgency against the Bar-rett-Davis administration.

The radio is the only means through which farmers can get their message to the people," thus ignoring the organization papers entirely. This rett-Davis administration. A speech in favor of the McNary-

Haugen bill was made Tuesday afternoon by William Hirth of the Missouri Farmon, Andrews Andrew souri Farmers' Association, who was in Des Moines to attend the meeting of the Corn Belt Federation of Farm Organizations, held the day before. He expressed the belief that the Mc-He expressed the belief that the Mc-Nary-Haugen bill will be passed this winter, and carried over the presi-dent's head if he vetoes it again. dent's head if he vetoes it again.

Nebraska Has Most Members The report of the credentials committee showed 26 delegates present from 14 states, with 99 votes. Each Nebraska had four delegates with 19 votes. Our delegates were Geo. Lar-

President Barrett's Report President Barrett gave his annual members only. report Wednesday morning. He spent most of the time telling about the conferences held in January and the conferences held in January and

choose to retire, nor did his backers choose to have him do so.

Four Insurgent States

Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Illinois were the states that the equalization fee. Mr. Taber was the equalization fee. Mr. Taber was proported by the equalization to the states that they would not write insurance for non-members, but declared that when Mr. Reno and Mr. Kizer appeared before the State Union board in Nebraska a year ago last spring they promised that they would not write insurance for non-members, but declared that when Mr. Reno and Mr. Kizer appeared before the State Union board in Nebraska a year ago last spring they promised that they would not write insurance for non-members, but declared that when Mr. Reno and Mr. Kizer appeared before the State Union board in Nebraska a year ago last spring they promised that they would not write insurance for non-members, but declared that when Mr. Reno and Mr. Kizer appeared before the State Union board in Nebraska a year ago last spring they promised that they would not write insurance for non-members, but declared that when Mr. Reno and Mr. Kizer appeared before the State Union board in Nebraska a year ago last spring they promised the State Union board in Nebraska and the State Unio But they could not agree on farmsupported E. M. Pollard of Nebraska committed by his organization to the that they would not write insurance

In every income-tax case he had he not only got a reduction, but got There was a strong feeling among the whole thing thrown out. "They 9. He used the short and ugly word

In the past year, he traveled farth-

Ran Behind Financially

Contrary to his usual custom, Secretary Davis did not furnish copies sequently we can give here only a Following is a sort of motion pic- few figures taken down while Mr. The year was started with a surplus of \$10,622.72, and the cash on hand For the first time, there is no dif- before paying the expenses of the

The largest sum paid in by any following the official welcome to the state organization was \$4,499.60 by city of Des Moines extended by Mayor Nebraska, followed by \$3,889.69 by Hunter. Even the Chamber of Com- Kansas; \$3.325.00 by Iowa; \$2,096.88 merce of the United States has ad- by Oklahoma, and lesser amounts by mitted that agriculture is under a other states. The total cost of the handicap. It is now only a question president's department, including sal-

The Directors' Report The report of the board of directors was devoted almost wholly to the situation in Illinois and in Wisers Union took over what was left of a small organization known as the National Farmers Union and got a that they have been going about in state charter for it under the name Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America-in spite of have already done, but Nebraska will the fact that there was in southern Illinois a regularly-chartered state division of the Farmers Educational

and Co-operative Union of America. This case was carried over from last year. The board reported that efforts to bring the two groups together had failed because the northern group refused to confer further. Only the southern and original group is recognized by the national organization, but the northern group continues in spite of lack of official rec-

ognition. Last March the national board placed the organizing work in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota in charge of a committee called the

A meeting of the board to consider Wis., on September 12. At that meet-

STOCK MARKET

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 29.—Best wishes for the new Year. May it see your hopes fulfilled, and may it be rich in successful accomplishments

of your highest aims.

STEERS: The usual light run for Christmas week. Market was very good Monday and Tuesday, but declined Wednesday and is about steady today. All classes of cattle are selling 50 cents to \$1.25 higher than the low time. Packers still want cattle with weight, high class very scarce. Some shortfeds weighing 1250 to 1300 pounds sold readily this week at \$14.00 to \$14.75. Cattle weighing 1100 to 1200 pounds sell mostly at \$12.00 to \$13.50, and 1000 to 1100 pound weights at \$11.50 to \$13.00. These prices are for cattle fed 50 to 70 days. WE SOLD 60 day cattle Wednesday at \$12.75, weighing 1040 pounds. WE ALSO SOLD cattle weighing 1160 lbs. toda at \$13.25. Yearlings very scarce no finished ones coming.

steady stream and were adopted with-

report also indorsed, by name, a pri-

national organization, was held in the

read by President Huff of Kansas.

Life Insurance Strikes Snag

Mr. Millington said he knew that

Thoroughly angry by this time,

Mr. Reno made a bitter attack upon

Nebraska, and particularly upon Mr.

A little group in Nebraska was try

"I have no desire to put this con

troversy on a pugilistic basis, as Mr.

to know is whether the national or-

McCarthy Makes Reply

Mr. McCarthy asked to be recog-

nized. The life insurance lobby, con-

sisting of numerous agents, attempt-

may be mistaken in this." Mr. McCarty then went on

the state causing dissention.

"Shoot the leaners," was the

morning, and demanded that the con-

vention quit quarreling and get down

Life Insurance Vote Divided

note vote either way.

ing to run things, and Albert Fick-

standing up.

McCarthy

he declared.

STOCKERS & FEEDERS: This class very scarce. Yards cleaned up, everything selling this week at strong ber of the board of directors of the

to higher prices.

COWS, HEIFERS, MIXED YEAR-LINGS & BULLS: Killing cows and heifers advanced 25 to 50 cents Monday and Tuesday, but with heavier receipts than expected the past two days 10 to 15 cents has been lost. The committee on life insurance consisted of Milo Reno, president of Choice heavy cows still in good demand at \$8.50 to \$9.00, fair to good the Farmers Union Mutual Life In- \$6.00 to \$7.50, cutters \$5.50, cansurance Company, and one other ners \$5.00. Choice fat heifers 10 to surance Company, and one other ners \$5.00. Choice fat heifers 10 to Iowa delegate, and the report, which 11 cents, bulk \$8.50 to \$9.50. It unqualifiedly indorsed this company, looks like she stuff will be scarce all was read by Mr. Reno. winter and we do not predict lower When the report had been read, A. markets, unless it would be next C. Millington of Nebraska, a visitor in the convention, asked Mr. Reno if the company confined itself to Farm- CALVES: Fat calves \$1.00 to tered by asking if the State Exchange \$11.50, bulk \$9.00 to \$10.50, canner in Nebraska or the Live Stock Com-missions confined themselves to weight and heavy killers \$9.50 to \$10.50. Good demand for fat cal-

HOGS: Market steady to strong today, top \$8.45 for choice 225s to "The Life Insurance Company will 290s. Bulk 190s to 300s \$8.25 to

SHEEP AND LAMBS: Market 25 the by-laws of the company permitlower for the week, top western lambs today bringing \$12.85, numted writing insurance for non-mem-

Market next Monday, same as us

SECRETARY JARDINE SEES CAT-TLE SHORTAGE

Honorable W. M. Jardine, Secretary of Agriculture in a statement bodily harm by cause of it. issued Dec. 27th, declares prices for McCarthy for his article on the Iowa braska Union Farmer for November of ruinously low prices, the Secrefor falsehood. Mr. McCarthy, he de- ed production to such an extent that the United States is 11,000,000 head or 17 per cent short of the number of head seven years ago. Discussing the future cattle outlook, "Secretary Jardine says-

"It looks very much as if cattle supplies during the first half of 1928 would be smaller than in 1927 or in any other year in the last five inasmuch as shipments of stocker and the matter sitting down, they might feeder cattle into the Corn Belt since July 1, 1927, were over 16 per cent smaller than last year, and 28 per cent below the 5-year average. Reno has suggested," J. W. Bath-Supplies of all cattle for slaughter eller, president of the South Dakota during each of the next two years Farmers Union, said. "What I want will probably be small as compared ganization has any control over this with any of the last four years.' company. It bears our name, but it can tell us to go to Halifax."

This is valuable information for live stock growers and coming from the highest official in the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture it may be taken as a picture of real conditions in the cattle trade. Save this letter. Steers Continue Advance

ed to shout him down. President Bar Light runs put our steer trade rett was tangled in the parliamentary back to the high point and the only situation. Finally he recognized Mr. reason we have not had a \$19.00 top "Nebraska has a Farmers Union paper that is unbridled," Mr. McCarthis week is quality steers are not coming. Our run has been largely stuff fed 70 to 120 days. \$18.00 thy began. "Perhaps that is the reason why Nebraska has a larger membership than any other state. In that paper I had a little article, about a half column long, which has aroused Mr. Reno. He is a big man, but he Weighty cattle active all week. show that the life insurance agents in

Nebraska are not co-operators, and some good cows \$8.50 to \$9.50 and Kosher cows \$1000 to \$11.00. Heifers are higher, bulk \$8.00 to \$10.00 and choice yearlings quotable \$13.50 to \$14.50. Feeding heifers \$6.50 to don't know how much harm they oppose this sort of thing as long as there is any Farmers Union there," gestion of C. C. Talbott of North Da-to \$14.50. Feeding heifers \$6.50 to kota, with a menacing glance toward \$7.00. Bologna bulls \$7.25 to \$7.75 the section where the Nebraska vis-best \$8.25. Butcher bulls taking in itors were seated. He referred to the heavies \$8.50 to \$9.50. Yearlings to listen to him. Why? letter read by Mr. Huff Tuesday up to \$12.00. Calves to packers, \$12 to \$13, outsiders \$13.50 to \$15.

Hogs Hold Steady

of 210 to 300 pounders selling from The "aye" and "no" vote on the adoption of the report of the life in- \$8.50 to \$8.75. 160 to 200 lbs worth surance committee left some doubt, \$8.30 to \$8.55 and 140 to 160 kinds and division was called for. On a \$8.00 to \$8.40. Packing sows genrising vote, the report was adopted, erally from \$7.35 to \$7.65 with light Northwest Committee. In the sum-mer, a group of members in Wiscon-tary Davis being 14 to 7. The four \$7.75, strong-weights up to \$8.00. sin withdrew from the jurisdiction of delegates from Nebraska voted The trade showed a shade of weakagainst adoption, but Mr. Keeney, sit- ness on butcher weighing 250 pounds advance last week. Today with 21,ting in the convention as a member of the national board of directors, did were steady. Shipping demand add- direct) our market is sluggish. Best The report of the committee on and these sold from 10 to 15c high- \$13.00 to \$13.50 and bids on heavy legislation, of which Mr. Keeney of er with spots as much as a quarter lambs ranging from 90 to 100 lb Nebraska was chairman, was adopted as a whole, instead of by the usual method of considering each proposal method of considering each proposal wednesday Farmers Union handled Farmers Union special sheep letter. Though unreceived and scoffed at through the years; separately. Had this report been considered section by section, the Mcnary-Haugen indorsement would cago yards and led the market by

Nary-Haugen indorsement would cago yards and led the market by doubtless have met with opposition, as some of the delegates were opposed to it.

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Department of Practical Co-Operation

We are changing 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. Locals 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.

AIRLAWN LOCAL NO. 2158

Meets the second and fourth Monday
of each month. Glen Thompson, Sec. OLDEN VALLEY LOCAL NO. 2157 Meets the first and third Wednesday each month. H. V. Adams, Sec. Meets the second and fourth Friday of the month. Ray Wilson, Sec. SILVER LEAF LOCAL NO. 2156****

Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday
of each month. Mrs. M. A. Fender, Sec DIAMOND LOCAL NO. 2081***

Meets the second and fourth Friday
each month. Mrs. R. C. Parish, Sec. LLEN CENTER LOCAL NO. 2155 Meets the first and third Tuesday each month. Mrs. Jno. Page, Secy. AIRVIEW LOCAL NO. 2154****
Meets the first and third Wednesday nights of each month. Mrs. Chas. L. Stewart, See'y.

ANDERSON COUNTY
JIZTOWN LOCAL NO. 2064.
Meets every second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Mrs. A. W. Williams County (1988) CHASE COUNTY
COTTONWOOD VALLEY LOCAL NO

Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. L. K. Graham, Sec. . CHEROKEE COUNTY
NEUTRAL LOCAL NO. 2108***
Meets the first Tuesday of each month
C. A. Atkinson, Secretary.
OWSLEY LOCAL NO. 2004***
Meets first and third Thursday of each
month, Joe Farner, Sec.

FOUR MILE LOCAL NO. 1128****
Meets on the first Tuesday of each month. G. W. Tomlinson, Secy.

COFFEY COUNTY
UNNYSIDE LOCAL NO. 2144****
Meets on the second Wednesday of each
month. Mrs. H. B. Lusk, Sec. COWLEY COUNTY
BEAVER LOCAL NO. 1558
Meets the first and third Monday nights each month. Mrs. Don Berrie, Sec.

DOUGLAS COUNTY
CARGY LOCAL NO. 2136****
Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each
month. R. E. Tutcher, Sec.
FRANKLIN LOCAL NO 1532.

Meets the first Friday of each Mrs. Frank Topping, Sec. ELLSWORTH COUNTY
ADVANCE LOCAL NO. 1889****
Meets on the first Monday of
month. F. F. Svoboda, Sec'y. Meets every first and third Monday each month. Ed Mog. Sec's 'RIVOLI LOCAL No. 1001 ****

Meets the first Monday evening in month. W. H. Fleming. Sec'>

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 Sec'y

Sec'y.

EXCELSIOR LOCAL NO. 608****

Meets the first and third Monday each month. Joseph L. Weber, Sec. PLEASANT VALLEY LOCAL NO. 1804 Meets the first and third Monday of each month. Frank Reitmeyer, Sec'y. GREENWOOD COUNTY
NEAL LOCAL No. 1313****
--Meets the second and fourth Friday
each month J C. Graves. Sec.

SOUTH VERDIGRIS LOCAL 1498

Meets every second Friday night. H. Soule, sec.

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

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

MARSHALL COUNTY
SUMMIT LOCAL NO. 859***
Meeting second and fourth Wednesday
night each month. Nels Samuelson, Sec. BREMEN LOCAL NO. 2122

Meets the first Wednesday of each
month. F. C. Pralle, Sec. BLUE VALLEY LOCAL NO. 781

Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays of each
month. Chas. Musil, Sec.

MITCHELL COUNTY
PLUM CREEK LOCAL NO. 460
Meets the first Friday of each month
at Plum Creek school house. F. A. OTTAWA COUNTY
SAND CREEK LOCAL NO. 452***

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. 1129****
Meets the first Tuesday evening of the month. Geo. Trumpp, Sec.
HRAND VIEW LOCAL NO. 1214****
Meets on Friday night every two weeks.
Esther Shorman, Sec.

RUSH COUNTY
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. Schwars.

STAFFORD COUNTY
UNION LOCAL NO. 2019****
Meets the second and fourth Friday of each month. J. W. Batchman, Sec.

reach month, J. W. Batchman, Sec.
TREGO 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
IERYNK LOCAL NO. 1427
Meets the first and third Tuesday of each month. Henry Eden, Sec.

THE DRY GOODS

We need a meeting place where we can exchange ideas. The old loafing places are gone, most of them, but you are welcome to sit on the corner of our Dry Goods Box and whittle, while he declared, "as long as there is an Packing sows \$6.75 to \$7.65. Stags you set the world to rights. We assume no responsibility for the opinion expressed, nor for consequences to those who express them. Try to be brief and constructive.

> ROY SCHMIDT WOULD SLIP UP, we have advocated? No, it is not the A greater lot do not think so. The ON THE FARMERS FROM THE FAR SIDE

Mr. C. E. Huff, Pres., Farmers Union, Kan. Div. Salina, Kansas. Dear Bro:

publish it, I do hope you suffer no

see it. what ever we want to call it.

I believe we are losing membership something different I will gladly lisbecause we are trying to educate the ten and not before." wrong persons. We are expending our money and time upon the farm-"Who," you will ask. I will answer. consumer of our products." the comment upon this statement. Al-

right, let us see. Now, I am going to ask a quesis to get a crowd of farmers to at- the finished product. The workinghave because you have belonged to ing and we would come in for more the Union for a long time. I know, abuse than ever." To prove my coninstances.

About a year and a half ago, Sendress at Wamego, Kansas. In point of size, Wamego had the largest crowd paid today for 1400 lb. stuff and I ever saw at a picnic, except on: the manufacturer has to charge us \$17.25 for 1350 to steers. Bulk of The Senator, as we all know, is a short-fed steers \$12.00 to \$15.50. famous man in more ways than one. must charge a profit, as no business famous man in more ways than one. Buyers are cautious on steers that weigh under 1100 lbs. as they want feeders to finish these cattle and put some weight and flesh on them. Weight a cattle and flesh on them. him to be one of the best speakers I Butcher Stock at High Point
Small supply of butcher stock put prices back to high point. Canners the Merry-Go-Round and Base Ball Press shapes his opinions. Is the

Is it because the farmer has lost

faith in organization? Is it because he does not see the need for it? Is With 47,000 hogs today, market is generally steady, top \$8.80 and bulk tell them we need to do the things tice, would help him? A very few do. all live stock. Ship that next load

Sheep Trade Lower Heavy runs this week have smashed lamb prices and lost most of the and up while the medium weights 000 on sale (packers having 9,000 ed strength to our light hog trade handyweight fed lambs selling from But, caught and handed onward

COMMISSION

reason.

I hardly know how to head this let- old, old story." We have been doing Hoover and his \$2.00 wheat, the farm-I hardly know how to head this letter or article. I might suggest you do this for me, provided you see fit to publish it. However, if you do story. We nave been doing the so for many years and he thinks, what is the use." Maybe you wonder thing that smacks of price fixing. Where I get my ideas? From the limit is a price fixing the story of the story of the story. Where I get my ideas? From the limit is a price fixing that smacks of price fixing the story of the story o farmer himself.

Pick your speaker, advertise as First of all, let me say that I do not much as you like. I will bet anything issued Dec. 27th, declares prices for cattle are not unduly high. A cattle shortage has resulted from six years of ruinously low prices, the Secretary of the Union and its work as I ago. Ask a farmer or anyone to attend the meeting and nine out of every We all know the membership has ten will say, (provided he tells you fallen off to some extent in time past the truth): "Why should I go listen but it is slowly gaining again. Natur- to that fellow tell me something I ally, we wonder why it fell off in face know better than he does. Why of the fact that the farmers plight is should I listen to him recite a lot of worse than ever before. I am going things we are going through right to give my reasons and while I know now? 'Haven't I heard this from all some will say I am wrong, let them sides for so long I can repeat half of so say, through your paper or ours, his speech? You bet I can and when ever the Union will come along with

> He will also say this. "I know we could organize and Pool our stuff and ers and I believe it could be spent to have orderly marketing. We could better advantage upon someone else, control the price of products and make the man who processes our products and puts them on the market, pay us "Absurd, foolish, crazy," will be a big price. But how would that be comment upon this statement. Al- benefit us? We would be in a worse plight than ever were we to do so because all we gained in price would tion. "Do you not notice how hard its be absorbed in the raise in price of tend a Union meeting?" I believe you man would pay a lot more for his liv-I have, and I am going to cite two tention, go into a place of business and demur at the price asked for some article raised upon the farm. This is ator Smith Brookhart delivered an ad- what you will be told. "The producer is getting so much for his products heavily for the goods in question.

Can you blame the workingman for consumer? Assuredly not.

rest do not know very much, if any-You well might say, "if you know thing at all, about the measure, and so much, tell us the secret." Alright, care less. Let us see why so many here goes even if I am shot for it. think this measure is no good. First We have told him so much that he and last they think it some form of think this measure is no good. First is tired of hearing us tell it. Why? price fixing. Naturally, from the Remember the old song, "Tell me the experience we had from Sir Herbert ing measure, we need not debate, but one thing we can rest assured of in any event, whatever measure ever is passed by Congress and should it work and we farmers actually get a better price for our products, that soon would speculation in farm land begin and the gain in price would soon be absorbed in higher

prices for everything. Looks pretty dark, does it not. I think so and I believe it does to you. So, you will ask me, "what would you propose doing?" I have already answered, educate the consumer. "What good will that do," you will ask? I will say this. Germany lost the war because of the fact nearly every nation united against her and put her and her dreams in their place. Can we expect to win our fight alone? Never. We must enlist some one to help us. How are we going to do that? Educate the consumer as to our aims and objects. Show them we have a real cause and we can win and

not before. Until we can control the retail price of the finished product we need never hope to get anywhere ."How," you will ask. Naturally, there is only one way. Process our own products. "Impossible." So? Well you have put up the money to build every single packing house, every mill, every railroad and everything else. You have furnished the money all the way through and the other fellow holds the deeds to the property. You furnished him the products also

Well, I expect to have a few of you fellows take me to a trimming for my ideas. I promise you all if you will the consumer and will write it, provided some of you will take the time to write out your comments on my letter. I am sure Mr. Huff will print them and we might at last hit some plan whereby we could build up the Union. What say you? ROY SCHMIDT.

(This post script is confidential, so please don't read it. Editor.) P. S. If you print this letter, Mr. the reason for high prices was be- Huff, I want to reserve the right to cause the manufacturer, the whole- reply to Brasted, Miller, Bullard and saler and the jobber were exacting a Kinney because they will take keen too heavy profit from the farmer and delight in taking my hide off in great chunks. I have heard their opinions Does the average farmer think the about my plan several times. This is

TRIUMPHANT TRUTH Truth never dies. The ages come and

retire; Destruction lays earth's mighty cities And empires, states and dynastics expire;

Trut hever dies.

through the years; Though made the butt of ridicule

Insulted by the insolence of lies-

t answers not; it does not take of-The mountains wear away; the seas But with a mighty silence b'de

As some great cliff that braves the elements. And lifts through all- the storms -Unknown.

ESPECIALLY VICE VERSA

The class was asked to write orief essay on the cuckoo. fellow wrote: "The cuckoo is a bird that lays other birds' eggs in its own nest and vice versa."