

## HE KANSAS UNION FARMER

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### SALINA, KANSAS, THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1924. An Organized Agriculture Will

Governor Jonathan N. Davis in Address at State Meeting at Emporia Urges Cooperation, Reduction of Taxes, Commod-

ity Marketing as Relief for Farm Situation of Today Brother Lansdon, Brother Barrett. ing. I don't try to put on those long of the Farmers Union of Kansas:

that cross your mind and have cross- trying to follow that rule. ed your mind in the last two or three years; also that have crossed my mind and have been borne out by our experiences as farmers. I am, of of which I was president. I went

all right so far.' our great agricultural state ought to ple of this country, suffered a de-

er Governors one after another.

truly of the agricultural mind; and the load today.

to do that. I have been trying to same. I just want to call your atcarry on the details of my work and tention the fact that a few years ago lay aside some of the other things a we went through great disturbances. little, so that I can get back again We shared our fortunes and misforto the place where I can feel a little tunes. During the time of danger, bit better and a little stronger than I and when the crisis was being met. look. Tempororily, I am just a little we dlung together as a people as we less than that. Sometimes I think I never had before. We came out, insoam in much the same position as the far as the danger of war was concernman who fell from a twenty-stroy ed, triumphantly. Then immediately building and as he passed the tenth came the necessity of adjusting again story toward the ground, said: "I am the relations—not only of our individual industries, but the relations of I came here today to talk to you the world. We had no common leadbecause I was invited. (due to the ership; we had no group of people fact that am governor, I suppose) trying to hold us together to meet and also because I could not turn the problems of peace. I think the the invitation down, inasmuch as I deflation that was brought on was happen to be the first Farmers Union designed, and the men who designed Governor that Kansas has ever had, it knew what it would do to the pro-I think, too, that I am about the first ducing interest of this country. Men simon pure "dirt" farmer that Kan- everywhere, and especially the great sas has had for Governor. I thought crowd of unorganized agricultural peo-

get in the habit of selecting a farmer crease in their earning capacity and once in a while, so I got the people a doubling or trebling of the burden in the notion of starting the habit that they must carry for years to last fall. I hope they won't get out come, in repaying the debt of war of the habit until we have had farm-er Governors one after another. and replacing the ravages of the great devastation that overcame us. The . There is an increased interest in ag- great burden of it fell upon the farmriculture all over this great country ers-the agricultural interests of this of ours at this time. We have some country-because they were not orfarmers-I thin'; they are more than ganized. That was another time when ever before si e the November election they had no opportunity to protect ued: "It is too bad it is so dry and

great country out of the activities of argument concerning the real status this agricultural class. The mind of agriculture. There ought to be no that you possess is the thing we need, doubt in our minds concerning a sitand the idealism that we need, to uation that calls for our activity as is having difficulties now in putting shels to be signed into the big Kan- ization committee of the big pool ascarry on and uphold the great succitizens—a danger that confronts us. is having difficulties now in putting shels to be signed into the big Kan- ization committee of the big pool ascarry on and uphold the great succitizens—a danger that confronts us. cesses of this country; and yet some It is time to approach these problems is having some trouble, too. how your modesty has kept you out. We have been afraid to push up. They have told us we couldn't talk as well have told us we couldn't talk as well agriculture has gone through a weak. We must act. I am going to say to be the first the Kansas Cooperative Wheat Marketing Association up to last night, other instances of this kind are beas other folks. They used to repeat ening, an undermining and a cent you that the things we can do in it was announced Thursday by offi- ing reported by field workers daily, that to me when I was in the legis-lature, but I insisted that my com-lature, but I insisted that my commission read the same as the other willing, in their own interest to join many state functions have been moved lion bushels is represented in confellows' and I had a license to talk with the farmer in finding the solu- to Washington, out of our reach. Last tracts signed voluntarily by some of week in Reno County has netted until I got it all out. I am not going tion, and the right solution of this year I tried to get our legislature to the largest wheat raisers in the state more than 90 signatures representing to talk to you this afternoon along problem. I say to you that I think bring some of that power back and and by scores of members of the ex- approximately 225,000 bushels, it was the line of the habits I formed while we need to approach these things, give us a chance to fight again to isting, pools of the Kansas Wheat announced. The Stafford County in the legislature. But while there, but as farmers we must know what retain some of this local power, such Growers Association and the Farmers drive, opened just before that in Re one fellow stood up and said to me one fellow stood up and said to me one day: "I have been here fifty days organized to protect themselves, and of that kind. We farmers don't want according to B. E. Corporon, secreand I have been listening to you talk we must organize. They insist they anyone to work for nothing. We don't tary-treasurer of the new big pool as-

course, going to try to say a few of them. I wouldn't attempt to say them all without making some prepation, and I have not had the time to do that. I have been trying to same, I just want to call you after the call your few and to call your few and to call your attempt to same. I just want to call your few and the time to day because needs are much the they are making as do it?

made profitable and a burden to those engaged in it. Another reason lies in said he was talking to a man in the will have a voice in setting the prices by such oppression. country along this vein: "It is too of the products we have to senever before si e the November election—who he become politicians. But from the beginning of this government we had farmer-minded politicians. George Washington, was a farmer as were others in Congress and political offices. In the last sixty years, you can't put your finger on one who was truly of the agricultural mind, and they had no opportunity to protect themselves. They had to go ahead with products themselves. They had to go ahead with products had to be marketed regardless of what the circumstances were. No credit the man, "broom corn is worth \$780 at ton." "How much broom—corn did you raise?" asked the man. "Well, not a d—— hill this year, but I am going to plant sixty acres next year." I leave it to any of you if that is not the load today.

yet we have builded, and are destinged to build, all of the future of this dition this country is in. There is no was a failure?" He thinks: "What if the market was not good this year? What if this year? was a failure?" He is going to plan

for ten days." I told him I thought do not take anything from us, but want anyone to do business without sociation, and W. C. Lansdon of Sathat was cheap schooling for him. that is wrong. I say to you that the a profit. We have been generous in lina, chairman of state organization counties as rapidly as possible after that was client was client whole matter reverts back to the those western Kansas districts. Many committee. Members of these existing the various county committees have a time we have gone to the polls with pool associations, which are behind been organized, Mr. Shanks stated. on wool. We have left our machinery out in the sun and rain to rust while being carried into the various counting up others.

we were voting a high protective tariff on lumber. We have been unseif BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS ish, but we must have some relief. There is one thing from which we must have relief, and that is high reight rates. We must say: "Don't take one third of our corn crop, when you only need one one-hundreth part of it. Don't take one-half of our hay when you only need a small fraction

ket out moducts.'

can't help us, they are trying to get organizations. some legislation that will help them. Don't think that I mean legislation can do all for us. Nothing can take the place of thrift, economy and industry that the farmers have learned and have practiced. Nothing can ever take the place of the requirement for better stock and for better management on the farm. Nothing can take the place of that, but you are entitled to your fair share of protection from

the government. said he would reduce taxes last year \$220,000,000 and 956 fruit and vegetand he didn't do it." I didn't get a

special purious a total business of confidence in one another. whole lot of help either, so that makes it about even, but it can, and it must be done. It is true that today the farmers bear more than three-fourths of the tax burden, directly and indisectly. With that in mind, it won't take a long time to use up eight or nine billion' dollars of cash income of this great farming industry. When ager. we include the farm values, this income is something like fourteen billion dollars. Against that come the charge of the public debt of this country, loyal unless you are.
with interest of something like a billion dollars. Then you have to take flourish with a lot of knockers in the from the income the manufactured organization. products, an amount that is hard to estimate, but when estimated as low the local.

Help Solve a Difficult Problem ic problems and to meet the dangers ahead and buying things that we It doesn't differ so much from what that are placed before us. It is the can get "on time" in a public way. I other business men have done, after question of placing citizenship on a common plane, getting away from the feeling that we want to be unfair to anyone. We are in the position where we must insist, and insist strongly upon justice. We need not fear that we are doing that in our is that in this day we are thinking the feeling that we are grant the feeling that we are doing that in our is that in this day we are thinking same management must be provinged. Brother Lansdon, Brother Barrett, ing. I don't try to put on those long that in our is that in this day we are thinking same management must be provided.

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You know I think it is true that if the standard of living we have given the change; conditions change; but principles the rest of the fellows.

You know I think it is true that if to our people, but they are dependent upon us for that intrinsic quality which so enters into their livlihood. ago should prevail now and that is you don't toot your own horn no one is going to toot it for you. Men, if

> values of thir roads.
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> They are still allowed to charge rates based on the inflated values of thir roads.
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> You know that any other industry less than above \$68,000,000 and the was said that God was no respector correct that to some extent by limit-of the amount of stock which we of the amount of stock which we of the amount of stock which we of the second hundred being surplus and fifty going into a stock-unto us. This is the ideal that gives of the Association.
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> There are a lot of people that do holders' account or surplus to act virging the amount of stock which we of the second hundred being surplus and fifty going into a stock-unto us. This is the ideal that gives of the Association. You know that any other industry would have been destroyed by the blow that fell upon agriculture. I think one reason why agriculture was not entirely destroyed was because not entirely destroyed was because to the point where they should be— carry on the productive energies of the soul and it is feet in the soil and it.

> > to raise the initial value of products made a barren waste like the destroy-

started here a year ago to give us a that we are Kansans, and Americans.

make us do it. I have had this in mind—Can they make us like it waffe they are making us do it?

I said the great burden fell on agriculture. Do you know of any other industry, in this country in this country that the farm products that year was \$342, any other people have ever known) it industry, in this country of ours is to be what make us like it waffe a little investigation we were will be able to operate on a State-wide basis, cooperative make us like it waffe as little investigation we were will be able to operate on a State-wide basis, cooperative in as many features as possible under the existing laws will permit the would have no trouble getting a charge of cooperative principles.

it has its feet in the soil, and it in proportion to the value of agricultant the state will always be regarded and control the state will always be regarded and the state will always be regarded. Those who have studied the cooperamede profitable and a burden to these tural products.

I think some effort should be made to raise the initial value of products on the farm, and that is why we should not be should be made a barren waste like the destroy on the farm, and that is why we should use every effort to begin the control of the old world, where the civilizations of the old world world. the spirit of the men and women who constitute and are engaged in this constitute and are engaged in this use every effort to bring about couse every effort to bring about cothe productive energies of the peooperative marketing—to bring about ple and the social order of the states

economy in distribution.

> They used to tell me when I tried upon the farmers, organized and unbelieve we have a hopeless problem, tion are carried on in line and in con-but a difficult one. I must say to formity with the principles of that banks, however, are organized exyou that this movement which was American ideal that makes us proud clusively by working men and very farmes of this State to get out of

## question as to whether or not the as possible it runs somewhere around citizenship of this country can be drawn together to solve these economic we have a real mania for going drawn together to solve these economic we have a real mania for going drawn together to solve these economic we have a real mania for going because to you than you men realize. Free Themselves From Debt

W. C. Lansdon in Address at Annual Meeting Says Farmers Un-ion State Bank of Kansas City Will Feature This Branch of the Banking Business

program for the presentation of the some way be made a part of the fi-Farmers Union State Bank. For a nancial cooperative system of this number of years, the organization has been discussing the advisability and the necessity of getting inta the Educational Assembly in Salina banking business either locally or in last September, the Board of Direca State-wide way. We have made tors of Kansas undertook the organan attempt at every session of the ization of a State Bank in Kansas legislature the past ten or twelve City, Kansas. We determined wheth-years to get statistical authority to business at all, deciding that we have never been able to get this leg- would organize a State bank beislation thru and I don't know wheth- cause after a little investigation we

riculture. Do you know of any other industry in this country that could have received the blow agriculture did in that deflation, and lived? Our railroads have squealed and squealed, and yet they haven't been compelled to even figure their rates on deflated values. They are still allowed to standard products that year was \$342, any other people have ever known) it must be made so by the fact that our people have ever known) it must be made so by the fact that our people act together in a common citation and lived? Our railroads have squealed and squealed, and yet they haven't been compelled to even figure their rates on deflated values. They are still allowed to received the blow agriculture did in that deflation, and lived? Our railroads have squealed and squealed, and yet they haven't been compelled to even figure their rates on deflated values of farm products have fallen of mersons, and that we should do unto fing the amount of stock which we of-

a friend told me the other day. He said he was talking to a man in the country along this relief to the said he was talking to a man in the country along this relief to bring about ple and the social order of the states the largest of all of them. The mid- for the bank would be subscribed the largest of all of them. Australia and we have discovered that is is will have a voice to active the largest of those who unjustly profited That is the responsibility that rests tive banks but the farmers and their or business Institution either.

ital of about five hundred thousand for them to save any money and yet

Inion has three banks in Phillips County, one national and two Statewide banks with a paid-up capital of small country banks—that might be very readily converted into cooperative banks. A great deal of stock of the three companies in the form of dividends totaling nearly a quarthe small country banks is held by ter of a million dollars.

This is the hour set apart on the farmers and those banks could in

tions obtained and application was

bad your wheat crop failed." The man said: "Yes, it is too bad." The conversation went on: "It is too bad your corn and other crops failed." The man said: "Yes, that is bad your corn and other crops failed." The man said: "Yes, that is bad enough too." The other man continued: "It is too bad it is so dry and stock water is so scarce you must feel very blue out here." "No," said the man, "broom corn is worth \$180." The yesd to tell me when I tried upon the farmers, organized and undon't know enough to organize. I that the adjustments in economics, railroad freight rates and other economic problems that force burdens of taxation upon our people, are made; that all of these different activities that all of these different activities that the biggest thing that the go to make our complex civilization of the United States have not organized and undon't know enough to organize. I of the farmers and their people of the United States have not organization of cooperative banks but the farmers and their people of the United States have not organization of cooperative banks. I have insisted time after time omic problems that force burdens of taxation upon our people, are made; that all of these different activities that the biggest thing that the resources from these banks and at the present time to details repeated out—organization of cooperative banks. I have insisted time after time omic problems that force burdens of taxation upon our people, are made; that all of these different activities that the biggest thing that the organization of cooperative banks and at the present time of the United States have not organized and undon't have taken very much part in the organization of cooperative banks. I have insisted time after time on the farmers and their people of the United States have not organized and undon't have taken very much part in the organization of cooperative banks and at the present time of years ago the legislature and on the common of the united States have not organized. In this organized out—organizati ew farmers are interested in them. debt and that is to pay out. The only You are familiar with the devel- way we can ever pay out is to accunt opment of the brotherhood system late enough money to pay out with by of banking which will be explained a saving some of our income. There little later on. About five or six years are thousands and tens of thousands ago, the Brotherhood of Locomotive of people that believe they are doing Engineers established a national the best they can in that respect. bank in Cleveland, Ohio with a cap- They honestly think it is impossible

dollars. They now have twelve or they could save money. There isn't fourteen other banks in the United a family in the State of Kansas or a States with resources around thirty farmer, I don't care how poor he is, or forty millions of dollars and are that can't provide a way of saving a onstantly establishing new branches certain part of his income each year. f their cooperative banking system. One thing we hope to do is to estabin the State of Kansas we have made lish a savings account that will reach little progress. A good many people out to every Farmers Union home in In Kansas don't know that the Farm- the State of Kansas and develop ers Union has organized banks in this there, a habit of thrift for saving and State. Seven or eigh; years ago accumulation. If this bank could do no he Farmers Union organized a co- more than to inculcate the habit of pperative bank at Fairview, Kansas saving in forty or fifty thousand nd the original stockholders still farmer families in Kansas, it would Control that Institution. The Farmers be well worthwhile.

Co-operatives Distribute \$250.000 Directors of the Farmers' Livestock one hundred thousand dollars and a Commission which operates jointly substantial surplus. There are probably one hundred fifty or two hunat St. Joseph, Mo., Omaha, Neb., and banks in the State of Kansas- Sioux City, Ia., met at Omaha, Jan-

## 2,000,000 Bushels Under Contract

represented in more than 350 con- those present, sixteen in number,

our hands over a patch in the seat the new big pool, are signing the More than thirty of these county unof our breeches and voted for a tariff new contracts as rapidly as they are its have been perfected to date, he

> OF FARMERS HANDLED OVER \$2,000,000,000 DURING 1923

More than two billion dollars of business was done by farmer business organizations in 1923, according to estimates made by the United States the Dead, pass some among the liv-ing, they will do more good. Department of Agriculture. .The esof it. Give us some chance to mar timates are based upon reports from 6,639 organizations, which did a to Certain people are telling us that egislation cannot help. They are elling us have been received from 8,313 associations and additional management of the second se telling us how presperous we are.
While they tell us that legislation to come in from approximately 2,000 do more than you are being paid for. Don't—Expect your Stockholders to be loyal, unless you are loyal to the

Of the 8,313 organizations report-Of the 8,313 organizations of the sign of collective purchasing of farm sup- ation for which you are Manager plies. Grain marketing organizations prove your self a cooperator by use comprised more than 30 per cent of ing the cooperative channels. the associations; dairy products 22 Don't-Be afraid to send a word per cent; livestock 14 per cent and fruits and vegetables 11 per cent.

Two thousand six hundred grain Don't—Be hasty, be sure you are

organizations did a total pusiness es- right then go ahead. tion in our expenses of government—
a reduction of taxes. They say: He
spid ha world a product organizations a total business of \$500,000,000; 1,182 livestock look. able associations a total business of confidence in one another. \$280,000,000. Seventy-eight cotton operatives did \$100,000,000 and 14 to-right at all times. Don't-Forget you cannot stand still, you are either going foreward bacco organizations \$132,000.000.

or backward. DONT'S FOR DIRECTORS. if you hired a man, you would expect Don't-Expect your business to be success without a co-operative man-ger. him to work for you, the Farmers Union have hired you, who are you

Don't-Expect to never have reverses Don't-Expect your Manager to be Don't-Expect your business

Don't-Fail to encourage interest in losition yourself.

F. R. Shanks, organization manager,

pool of a quarter million bushels. The drive will be carried into other

Don't-Fail to keep yourself in

Don't-Forget the principles o

which the Farmers Union was found

Don't-Keep all of the flowers for

DONT'S FOR MANAGERS

Don't-Be afraid you are going to

Don't-Be pessimistic, always he

Don't-Be afraid to stand for the

Don't-Lose sight of the fact, that

working for when you are shipping to

other than cooperative concerns?

Don't—Fail to boost for your asso

## "MERCHANDISE YOUR WHEAT"

#### This is Slogan Of 44 Million Bushel Pool Campaign Of Kansas Co-operative Wheat Marketing Association

Co-operative Wheat Marketing Asso- paign is now being carried on. ciation which has set up permanent headquarters here and is now in the 000,000 bushels or approximately onethird of the 1924 crop of Kansas into one big pool before May 24. "Merchandise Your Wheat" is the slogan of the big pool campaign in Kansas and other states where similar campaigns to organize big co-operatives and big pools are being waged.

Kansas is to be plastered during the next few weeks with posters bearing



Wichita, Kan.-Orderly marketing the consumer's dollar", according to and merchandising of the Kansas officials of the big wheat pool. Thouswheat crop instead of dumping the ands of automobile windshield stickers greater percentage of it on the market are also appearing in the counties within sixty or ninety days after thresh- where the pool campaign work has ing begins, as has been the practice been started, especially in Stafford heretofore, is the aim of the Kansas County where the actual sign-up cam-

An unprecedented thing for the be ginning of a campaign of this kind is midst of its campaign to sign up 44,- happening in Kansas, declared F. R. Shanks, organization manager of the hig Kansas pool. This is that hundreds of letters have been received at headquarters in the Kaufman Building here voluntarily stating that the writers are desirous of signing all the wheat they grow into the pool.

Contracts are being carried into each county as rapidly as possible, Mr. Shanks said, and within a short time the campaign will assume a statewide

The Kansas Co-operative Wheat Marketing Association is a proposed merger of the Kansas Wheat Growers Association and the Kansas Farmers Union Wheat Marketing Association. to be consummated if the minimum sign-up of 44,000,000 bushels of wheat is secured by May 24. This date for conclusion of the sign-up campaign was set by mutual agreement of the officials of the two associations named and representatives of other agricul tural organizations of the state in order that machinery for handling the big 1924 pool might be put into open ation before harvest begin. The Farm Bureau and other agricul enlargements of the above cut urging organizations of the state are behind

ciation every time an opportunity presents itself. Don't-Expect to have much sucwheat growers to "get their share of the big pool movement. ess unless you are sold to the prop-

# Wheat Pool Contract No. 1

Governor Davis Signs



Above is shown Governor J. M. Davis signing Contract No. 1 of the 44,000,000 bushel wheat pool now being signed up by the Kansas Co-operative Wheat Marketing Association. The contract was taken to him at Topeka by Ray E. Harrington, representative from headquarters of the big wheat pool at Wichita, who also appears in the picture. Governor Davis signed the contract simultaneous with the signing at Wichita by Forrest Luther, Cimarron; State Senator E. E. Frizell, Larned; Rep. Ward J. Spencer, St. John; C. E. Cox, Ashland, president of the Kansas Wheat Growers Association; H. E. Witham, Cawker City, manager of the Farmers Union Wheat Marketing Association; raisers, and, with the exception of Mr. Witham, all members of W. P. Lambertson, Fairview; and M. O. Glessner, La Crosse, all large

the organization committee of the big pool. Under the contract Governor Davis agrees to deliver to the Kansas Co-operative Wheat Marketing Association all the wheat he grows on his 1,700 acre farm at Bronson during the five-year period beginning with 1924. This is the term of the big pool contract. The governor has half a section sown to wheat this year.

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ADVERTISING BATES ON APPLICATION



THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1924.

MAKING WHEAT FOR EXPORT.

There is an article in a recent issue of the Country Genleman that proves that Russia is coming back into the business of exporting wheat, in fact is already back and this year will sell about one-fifth of her pre-war average of export wheat to European countries. Within ten years Russian wheat exports will be greater than ever before.

The Canadian wheat crop of 1923 totaled more than 470,000,000 bushels which meant an export surplus of more than 300,000,000 bushels from that country. Wheat production is increasing in Argentina, Australia and India. All these countries have cheaper lands, lower priced labor, and lower export freight rates than the United States: The wheat farmers of America cannot compete with world on the export market. Such a policy must result in ruin for American agriculture. The best that we can hope to do in the United States is to retain control of our own domestic markets. That will require some effort on the part of all who are interested.

Considering the wheat production of the cheap labor and cheap land countries it does not look like a smart thing for American farmers to go on sowing wheat for production beyond home demands. Good prices in this country are not dependent on export corporations but on reduced acreage, increased consumption, higher import duties and an effective and an economical system of cooperative marketing. In the long run nothing can be gained by producing that must be sold at a loss either at home or abroad.

Timid souls fear that a sensible and business like reduction of acreage might result in bread scarcity or even famine in this country. That feeling is mere foolishness based on lack of knowl edge This country could get a long first rate for a year or two without the production of a single bushel of wheat. There are plenty of other good things to eat and some of them are as wholesome and are less costly than white flour bread. The prosperity of the wheat farmer 1: dependent on better prices which can be secured in a single year of restricted sowing coupled

with cooperative marketing. American wheat growers must forget tha there is an export market. For them there is no such outlet for their grain except at prices that reduce the value of their whole crop far below the cost of production.

WESTERN KANSAS PROSPERITY.

The corn produced last year on the farms of the "Great Desert" is now being fed to live stock in the more favored sections of the country. If there is any agricultural prosperity in Kansas at this time it is north of the Kaw river and west

Students of weather and climate assure us that of Beloit. there will be seven years of abundant rainfall for the plains country. If they are right about it and that section gets seven good crops in succession it will become the most prosperous part of the republic. Those fainthearted and cold footed pioneers who traded their claims for spotted pups and returned to wife's people further east appear to have passed up an opportunity for great riches.

CANDIDATES FOR THE LEGISLATURE. The Kansas Farmers Union is not interested In partisan politics. Its members belonging to all the political parties and are united in common purposes only on matters that are wholly outside of the policies of political organizations. The Union, however, is vitally intererested in legislation and especially in the legislation that will be enacted in this state after the next gen-

eral election. There are a number of very important public policies in formation in Kansas. The tax problem must be dealt with in such fashion that justice will be done to all the people. A good roads program acceptible to farmers and fair to other interests must be formed. The existing cooperative laws require some slight amendments before they can fully serve the purposes for which

they are intended. There must be a law authorizing the organization of cooperative banks and credit unions. Perhaps as important as any of the things that should be done are several that must not be allowed next winter. There must be no increase in tax burdens. There must not be any increase in appropriations. The state needs no more officers or bureaus to add to the cost of government without increasing the value of services rendered. There are quite a large number of useless and costly departments, bureaus and offices that can be abolished without impairing the value or efficiency of the state administration.

During the two recent sessions of the legislature many of the measures endorsed by the Union have been defeated in the senate. An entire new senate is to be chosen this fall. The men who were loyal to their constituents on the farms and to agriculture should be returned and the others should be elected to enjoy all the pleasures of private life. The Union organizations and members all over Kansas should get busy and stay busy on the job of getting the right sort of senators into the next legislature. It makes no difference about their party affiliations if they can be trusted to do right. Candidates for the senate and the house of representatives should be closely scrutinized by the voters and required to make definite pledges to support proper measures before they are nominated. It is too late to do anything much about it after the primaries. Too often the negligence of voters in the primary elections leaves them only a hard choice between two equally objectionable candidates at the polls.

There are plenty of farmers able to render the right sort of service in the legislature. It should be the business of the Union to see that they are sent there.

#### LEGISLATING FOR AGRICULTURE.

That particular American who should never be in need of assistance from any one is now the center of interest for those who make laws. The farmer should never need help. Of all the men in the country he is the one who should be able to paddle his own canoe. Agriculture is certainly an essential industry. Without it no other business can thrive in this republic. With a complete monopoly of the production of all those vital necessities without which no one can live the farmers of America should be free, prosperous and wholly self reliant.

The real facts are quite the reverse. More than forty per cent of the farmers of the United States are living on rented farms. Nearly all are in debt. There are millions of farm, homes that are unattractive and almost uninhabitable because there is no income to take up depreciation and provide for betterments. In such condition there is no possibility of either prosperity or freedom. An increasing number of folks want to do something about the agricultural situation. Congress is devoting much of its time to remedial legislation for the relief of agriculture. Some of the proposed laws are intended to help the farmers but quite a lot of them, whatever, may be their nominal purpose, can be of service only as arguments in getting more votes for their respective and honorable authors.

Four measures, out of several hundred proposed for the relief of agriculture, have some slight chance of becoming laws. The organization of priviately capitalized corporation to take care of the liabilities of northwestern banks and to make possible a moratorium for the farmers' debts in certain sections is certain to be authorized. The necessary capital will be subscribed by eastern banks, trust companies and insurance association that must do something to save their large investments in western securities that are no longer secure. This is a sound business proposition and will soon be effective.

The McNairy-Haugen and the Norris-Sinclair bills have about the same purpose but go about it in slightly different fashion. Each proposes the creation of a huge corporation financed by the government for the purpose of handling the exportation of farmers' crops. The entire northwest appears to be organized or organizing around the McNairy Haugen measure. If it is passed it would seem to be quite certain that the Norris-Sinclair measure would fail. There are many good things about the proposed export corporation measure which has the support of Secretary Wallace but so far as wheat is concerned there are still a lot of old fashioned people who cannot quite agree with a plan which will encourage farmers to make a surplus that must be sold at a loss. Good, sound business judgment would indicate that the best way to deal with surplus production is not to make it.

The Norbeck-Burtness bill provides for an appropriation of \$50,000,000 to be loaned to the farmers of the northwest for use in purchasing livestock and especially dairy cows and chickens. This measure originated with President Coulter of the North Dakota College of Agriculture, It is being urged by a powerful, or at least a numerous lobby of business men and bankers. There is no question but that greater diversification of production is desirable in the wheat belt but it is mighty doubtful if it can be put on the farmers of that section like a new suit of ready made clothing. There are a good many people who are afraid that this plan will only enable the famers to get into debt another \$50,000.000.

Every farm should have a garden, an orchard, a few good milk cows; some fecund sows, and a busy flock of chickens. It must not be forgotten, however, that gardens require moisture, seasonable weather and a good deal of work. Orchards are not very productive in the northern states where there are too many late frosts and hot summers. Cows and sows cannot be kept on farms without pasturage in summer and forage in winter. Chickens as a side line are all right but as regular source of income poultry keeping is a business in itself. From all thee sources, even in the semi-arid west, it is possible

porting but it is doubtful if much addition to cash income is possible. There is no under pro duction of any of these products in the country as a whole and increased production in one section will surely result in price cutting competi- And His Associates tion with farmers in other sections who already have some difficulty in finding profitable markets for dairy and poultry products.

The belated interest that business and government are taking in the condition of agriculture at least proves that a good many people have finally realized that there can be no permanent prosperity in this country until farming is securely established on a profitable basis.

THE BRAGGART GRAIN TRADE.

the growth of the cooperative marketing movement. Pooling is more aggravating to them is a good business proposition. than pickles to a victim of the mumps or water to a dog with rabies. Money in large quantities is being used to convince the wheat growers that they lack the sense that has enabled the tobacco farmers and the cotton growers to achieve independence in marketing. A few cheap traitors to their class have been subsidized to aid in the work of persuading the wheat farmers to continue in bondage to the old marketing system.

What fools the speculators must think the farmers are. Last spring the price of wheat was reduced about thirty cents a bushel in just a sible officers of the government that few weeks. There was no real reason for a decline in value so calamitous to agriculture. Around every board of trade, every speculator's market place in the country, could be heard the braggart jeers of the old gamblers in wheat. The reduction was not forced by market conditions but was deliberately brought about by the speculators to punish the farmers and the country for asking for and getting the Capper- Lin- had to be dong to prevent nearly paign. cher law for the regulation of future trading.

Now the same organized trade that boasts that it deliberately depressed the price of wheat to punish a United States senator and his constituents for interfering with its business is flooding the mails with arguments against cooperative marketing. What has the existing grain marketing system ever done that entitles it to defense and perpetuation? The service that it rendered the wheat growers last year resulted in a loss of forty cents a bushel on the whole crop. In sixty years the old grain marketing system has cost agriculture in the United States more than FIFTY BILLIONS OF DOLLARS in direct found a way to reach the responsible

LIONS of debt, SIX BILLIONS of depreciation, millions of farm homes with depreciation, millions of farm homes without any of the conveniences of modern life, millions of farm homes without any of the conveniences of modern life, faith in the government. millions of farmer children with no education becities crowded with the youth of the country forc. and quite a few of the girls were in perhaps more completely intellectuperhaps more complet cities crowded with the youth of the country forc- and quite a few of the girls were in perhaps more completely intellectually and to shandon the land for the la ed to abandon the land for the higher rewards of Topeka on the 21st and 22nd of Feb of the senate, has destroyed his available of the senate, has destroyed his available of the senate, has destroyed his available of the senate, has destroyed his availability as a candidate by exercising ability as a candid that its beneficiarles say is perfect and that must presidency. If bankruptcy, tenancy, ignorance, and want ernor Davis for the same office. be continued.

are the fruits of the existing marketing system the efforts of the harmonizers result to secure personal support. to do worse. Any change must be for the better. The farmers who advocate cooperative marter. The farmers who advocate cooperative marketing should not waste their time explaining the results of a few small wheat nools. They should point out the boundless losses inflicted favor of the nomination of Governor both important and doubtful, and he congress confirmed the appointon them by the grain speculators and demand a Davis for that office. change. Put the speculators on the defensive. Require the gamblers to show cause why they

farmer who has never sold a crop at a profit.

HURRY ALONG WITH BANK SUBSCRIPTIONS A New Record

The contractors have our banking offices in ident Trull and Vice President Marley have been Club with practical unanimity asked improbable that either McAdoo Kansas City, Kansas, almost ready for use. Pres- members of the Kansas Democatic discussed busy in securing the capital with which to begin the governor of Kansas to become a Underwood, Kansas Citys is assured. This is an institution Kansas has ever been endorsed for some man like him will be the demothat will be profitable from the day its doors that office by a representative body cratic nominee for the White House

ty per cent of its authorized capital is paid in. States of Arkansas and Kansas cast tive. He is able popular and bears a They are mistaken. A bank cannot begin busi- those votes on one or two ballots but name that is beloved by the demoness until the whole of its authorized capital they did so without any authority of crats of the country. Governor Waiter and the country of crats of the country of crats of the country. has been paid for. There are thousands of state. Senator Capper and former farmer who possesses many of the state. Senator Capper and former farmer who possesses many of the Kansas farmers who expect to buy stock in our governor Allen have been mentioned most desirable elements of availabil bank but have not yet sent in their subscriptions. as possible contenders for the pres- ity. Senator Robert L. Owen of Ok-They should do their part at once.

Remember that our bank cannot begin to make money until it opens its doors for business. Every tative group. day before that time costs money in expenses that cannot be productive. Cut down the organization expenses by hurrying along with the subscriptions.

MAKE THE UNION PERMANENT.

A single Local in Stafford county secured seventy new members in a recent campaign for more support. At the first meeting after the initiation ly a one hundred per cent membership in its terbe able to buy more sows, cows, and
be able to buy mo

That is the sort of spirit that means something ers of any Kansas township are amply able to build and maintain a good community hall. Nothing else would or could do as much in the development of the pools that build and maintain a good community hall. Nothing else would or could do as much in the development of agree and some above named items and build shows a substitute of the pools that the way we try to market or I should they may profit thereby by having the may profit thereby by having they may profit thereby by having the may be a substitute of ing else would or could do as much in the development of team work and cooperation in a neighborhood. In fact it would soon convert what is borhood. In fact it would soon convert what is how only a neighborhood into an active, alert, now only a neighborhood into an active, alert, progressive and well organized community.

The speaking of credit I will say in sp

be one in which all the folks can assemble in summer or in winter to spend an evening or an afterto make the farm much more nearly self sup- noon in work for the common good.

COMMENT ON WORLD'S NEWS FOR WEEK

Street news story says that more than \$3,000,000 was spent in development work in 1923 and that less than the street of the democratic convention assembled. Less than be convention assembled. Less than be convention assembled. Less than be convention assembled. Less than bar the six years before his entrance into the win at the finish. \$720,000 was realized from the sale serving a western New York county of oil. That may or may not have

to have his contract with the govern ment cancelled but in the same story why Gov Davis iss justified in askthe same public is also assured that ing for the presidency. He is a farm- establish cooperative marketing as a

as advantageous. political careers, and ruined reputations, and the loss of faith in responhave resulted from the exposures of

eases.

Uncle Sam

Has Not Suffered Sinclair leases. Without development ernor he had sought ably, honestly fight. the naval oil reserves could not be and persistently to carry out the prothe naval on reserves could not be gram upon which he made the campersonal and business enemies of three number millions of parties of man who has always been equal to purchase of a Louisville daily paper wells on adjoining property.

at least two ways. The government ceptably to the people. could have sold the leases at puble action as is the custom in disposing of the oil rights on unallotted Indian lands Or an appropriation could have been made to enable the navy department to develop and store its own oil reserves. Neither of these plans would have assured profits to officers of the government.

Greed and the arrogance of assured

Democracy group wanted the endorsement of Gov-The milling, the conference and

presidency but also declared itself in must be a resident of a state that is ident appointed special counsel

short, sensible and forcible speech in to the popular imagination. If Kanwhich he stated that he is not a can- sas can fairly be regarded as an imdidate for the presidency, that he is portant and doubtful state Governor not even an active candidate for the Davis has availability for the presibushel is not a very important matter to a wheat governorship and that his fondest as dency in a very high degree. farm and there resume the occupation that he loves above all others.

Was Established at Topeka When more than one thousand Conditions

like a cooperative, can begin business when twenty per cent of its sutherized central is poid in

THE FARMERS IMMEDIATE

that the farmer has all the credit he needs and some of us have too much credit for our own good. The farmer has to raise what he can to his own advantage and not to change of the compelled to take and the price he is court.

Must be a good deal like olks after all. The papers that a very distinguished screet the farmer is tween the price that the farmer is court.

Calvin Coolidge was a country lawbeen a good business showing.

Any thoughtful man must admit

Calvin Coolidge was a country five

yer of small practice in western Masthat \$720,000 is a reasonable return sachusetts. Only five years before on a very large investment. It is be became president Theodore Roose-

cancellation would be a mighty bad er, a plain man of the people but he national agricultural policy. Judge thing for the government because no has the natural and acquired quali- Bingham contributed more than any other operating company would take ties that fit him for the highest exectother man to the successful organizaover the lease on terms anything like utive responsibilities. He is well ed tions of tobacco farmers of Kentucky.

Financially from the Doheny and is written into our statutes. As gove to give up their business without a

government on from being pumped all the responsibilities of the high for the purpose of putting the Courier. vells on adjoining property.

That emergency could have been discharge the obligations of the presonen in Louisville who formerly made

Availability

For the Presidency

Is a mysterious quality that is little understood by folks who are system of handling grain. hundreds of men in the country who have the experience the country who have the experience, the intellectual and fairly. Bingham and his assoqualifications and the integrity of ciates may as well realize that they character that would justify ther election to the presidency. Senator has just begun. Carter Glass of Virginia is such a

from states that are never doubtful ement of McAdoo for the the very qualities of heart and mind however, that he speculated in Sin-the endorsement of Gov-toters. Borah is an intellectual of voters. giant who has never thought it worth while to make friends and alliances

Davis May Not Be Nominated

For the presidency, but there is no question but that he has a chance. that need here make it candidate for the presidency of the Smith will be the choice of the con-United States. No other citizen of vention. Either Governor Davis or

endorsement from the party in either ter Pierce of Oregon, like Davis, is a idency but neither of them has ever lahoma is able and progressive and that the secretary of the treasury convention or of any other representation of Indiana has proved that he can more than a million dollars a year critical year. He was a good governor and is a good man. Nor should officers who vote money into their Thomas Marshall, twice governor of own pockets are not regarded with From a Bourbon county farm but Indiana and twice vice-president of much favor by the common folks at even more improbable things have the United States be overlooked. No home.

happend in connection with that man in this country has more friends office. The democratic party once or fewer enemies than Marshall. Teapot Dome if their loud cries of mentioned in connectio with the pres-distress are to be credited. A Wall idecy until at least two days after

Has Had a Slight Opposition

In the past because until quite recently it has not been a serious threat six per cent on \$12,000,000. If not vit had to assemble all his friends to the profits of the old system of more than that sum has been used and his support in order to obtain marketing. From now on the story in the enterprise and if there is a a minor position in the administration will be different. Men who have fair prospect that production can be of President McKinley and his chief made many milions of dollars annuals a good business proposition.

The public is being assured that

s advantageous.

None of the estimates of the insities of Kansas and Nebraska he was vestment set any value on the blasted an ardent disciple of James H. Can have been snatched back from the expositor of the history and constitu- made the seats of prosperous agricultion of the republic that ever lived ture. He is now one of the most in the west. As a member of the sen- forceful figures in the great movement nave resulted from the exposures of the west. As a member of the sent for the cooperative organization of corruption in connection with the oil ate and of the house of representation the cooperative organization of nor Davis contributed constructive have made countless millions of doland patriotic service that is a part lars in handling those products specuof the history of the state and that latively and naturally do not propose

It is reported that a combination or It is reasonable to believe that a more than a million dolars in the That emergency could have been described in idency with honor to himself and ac profits of as much as a million dollars met without ground for criticism in idency with honor to himself and ac profits of as much as a million dollars of business by the tobacco cooperatives. There are men in Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha and other wheat marketing centers who have made billions of dollars out of the speculative can not be blamed for fighting for

Daugherty Long Refused to Resign

From the office of attorney general of the United States. Perhaps before this is printed he will have changed his mind. He can scarcely be cen-

The chief objection to Daugherty appears to be that he has convicted no one of war frauds although he has the congress confirmed the appoint-The governor thereupon made a his record those elements that appeal ments and approriated \$100,000 for the president nor the senate had any confidence in the attorney general. He is no longer useful and should get out.

The Shenandoah

Will Not Fly Over The north pole next summer. Whoever is responsible for abandoning that ill advised futile and foolish project deserves the thanks of the nation. Success would mean nothing. Failure was almost certain and was e death of fire

or sixty brave officers and men who are needed for more essential services to the republic.

Americans are always ready to die for their country but they should not

Inome Tax Provisions May be inherently sound but the people had no confidence in their justice or necessity after they discovered

from one thing to another as those forced to pay for his immediate needs, which can be overcome by Coopera-tion only and not by Federal aid, Why not tell the truth about the immediate needs of the farmers instead of being mislead to believe by the advocates of diversifying that the farmers need more credit so they will be able to buy more sows, cows, and is no surplus as the Grain Dealers of the farmers need more credit so they will be able to buy more sows, cows, and is no surplus as the Grain Dealers of the farmers pay pretty high for as the farmers pay pretty high for all the aid they get. These big of all the aid they get. These big of all the aid they get. These big of all the aid they get want anything we will have to get it wan for the above named items and big shortage in the estimate production of wheat.

The papers report

by 56 Morris county pig club members this year who carefully followed pig production methods advocated by their county agent. Three hundred

and won \$523 in prizes. Because of their meritorious work during the year four of them were awarded free trips to the International Livestock show at Chicago.

worse: They were unable to sell their crops and cattle for enough money to pay for the expenses of raising them. One by one these farmers were losing their homes. What was the cause of all this? Was there not some cause of all this?

THE CHICKENS.

tragic thing about the picture was ent at the meeting joined with him that the chickens were having a bet- to work out their great problems. ter chance than the boy.

and livestock is wholesome. It should Gresham, the good work went on and be promoted to a greater degree than spread from farm to farm. it is at present. On the other hand, it must be borne in mind that the ning the Union work has been exgreatest asset of the farm is neither tended into nearly every farming sectors live stock nor its poultry, but its tion of this country. Earnest and boys and girls. They themselves are enthusiastic farmers everywhere entitled to as scientific care as they caught the vision of Newt. Gresham are taught to give the animals that and are pushing the work onward to they raise. In order to develop into the goal pointed out to them by these a strong man or woman every child must have a well-balanced diet which Questio is eaten at regular periods; long hours of sleep in a well-ventilated room; activity as expressed in wholesome work, study, and play; instruction concerning the care of the body; and periodic physical examinations by the Farmers Union? a reliable physician.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO EN-COURAGE POULTRY RAISING

IN SALINE COUNTY Saime county boys and girls will of organization? toon be informed as to the date when they will be invited by the Salina Chamber of Commerce to come and claim settings of good eggs, which lished in this paper. Use them at your Junior Union meetings. If right-cooperative enterprises. The packers tween the ages of 12 and 16 years.
While the date has not been definitely While the date has not been definitely whose ages vary from five to sixteen, will become intensely interested in Chamber of Commerce said today that them. In a very short time a Junior the eggs will be available about meeting without a Union lesson would March 15 and advised the boys and incomplete to these future leaders of girls to watch the official announce- the Union.

According to the plan there will be mly one obligation attached to the and that is this: Any child receiving a setting of eggs from the turn back one chicken from their fore Christmas by the Arkansas Cotflock. These chickens will be sold to Constant by the Arkansas Cotspecial privileges by which old-line Chamber of Commerce is requested to was made to its members shortly beflock. These chickens will be sold, ton Growers' Coope

Chamber of Commerce.

filled out by the pupils and sent in the Chamber of Commerce.

Twenty-one years ago in a small states are either bankrupt or saved town in the northeastern part of Tex- from actual bankruptcy only by the town in the northeastern part of Texas as a very important event took place. The town of Point, Texas was a small, very very small place with its old-time country store built at the cross roads. On an old log near this country store, sat a man gazing at the people who passed by. He was not only looking but thinking what might be done for these people for their

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PIG CLUB MEMBERS NET \$2,561, faces and ragged clothing told the A total profit of \$2,561 was made tale of a hard struggle for existance. ninety-two pigs were raised by the something be done for these people whose condition was daily growing The boys won a total of 97 ribbons worse? They were unable to sell their

of all this? Was there not some way GIVE THE BOY THE CHANCE OF for them to better their conition? Newt. Gresham thought the situa-

and his prize flock of chickens. The film demonstrated that the birds were fine because the boy had a scientific knowledge of chicken culture, and had applied his knowledge to the care of his flock. But the boy was a mouth breather and showledge to defurther effects of malnutition. The film demonstrated that the birds neighbors together, he told them of his plan or better still we might call it his "vision," for a vision it proved to the organization of farmers' cooptenative of the care of his flock. But the brighter future not only for the farmers of our ed further effects of malnutition. The farmers of our ed further effects of malnutition. The farmers of our ed further effects of malnutition. At the recent Country Life Confer-ence held in St. Louis, a moving-believed "that where there's a will, ed further effects of malnutition. The entire nation. Nine of the men pres-

This group of ten men organized The idea of encouraging farm chil-dren to raise thoroughbred poultry ion. Under the good influence of Mr.

Thus we find from a small begin-

Questions on Lesson. was the Farmers Union started?

2. In what state was the first Farmers Union started? 3. Who was the man that started 4. What was the condition of the Farmers around Newt. Gresham's

5. A group of how many men help-ed Newt Gresham in his first work What success did they have?

The above is the first of a series of monthly lessons which will be pubthe ages of 12 and 16 years. ly presented, a group of young people

Mina S. Utz-Iowa Uunion Farmer

flock. These chickens will be sold, the proceeds to go into a revolving fund to keep the plan going after this first year. Children raising the chickens will be asked to exhibit their birds at the annual poultry show which will be held here some time next winter.

In case something happens, such as animals killing the chickens do not survive, the child will not be obliged to make any kind of payment to the Chamber of Commerce.

In case something happens, such as a sis and had amounted to \$90 a sis and had amoun Chamber of Commerce.

A majority of the young poultry raisers have received blanks from their school teachers, the blanks to be filled out by the pupils and sent in

FARMERS' PLIGHT A PERIL The politicians will find food for serious thought in the startling statement of the Secretary of Agri-Harly History of the Farmers Union ers in 15 wheat and corn producing

ur national life. All things come

blood of our cities. Lower freight rates on agricultural products, credits to warehouse tarm products and finance their exportation, government encouragement to cooperative marketing these and every other proposed form of relief must be examined and, when

feasible, applied.
First of all, the tax reductions pro posed by Secretary Mellon will help unburden the farmer, along with other classes of the community. The plight of the western farmer must be considered as a national catastrophe and handled accordingly.-

Washington Herald.

HELPING COOPERATION. One of the greatest dangers to revision.—Kansas City Times. These proposals are being made both of the well-meaning, but misguided, friends of the farmer, and by others operative is \$2,355. The savings

government takes a hand, it becomes Needless to say, the savings in this paternalism. Moreover, direct government assistance gives the politicians and officeholders an opportunity to muss around in the affairs of the cooperatives. When these of the cooperatives. When these of the recent strike of the smelter of the smelter of the cooperatives. men represent old-line interests, as workers in Taylor Springs strength-

original act, the farmer-borrowers ent nationalities. But differences of language or of race count for nothof the directors of these banks as soon as they were well established. But the politicians and officeholders stayed off the operation of the law, and finally got it amended to thwart farmer control. The situation now is that the farmer-borrowers own the stock in these banks while politicians and officeholders run them.

Cooperators should also oppose laws and stockyards act is an example of this kind of a law. It has brought endless harassment to the cooperative live stock commission houses. fear the grain futures act and the national co-operatives act will both give coloperatives similar trouble in the

All that cooperators should ask of PAID TO COTTON GROWERS
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was made to its members shortly be-

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must have received an income of ing with these cooperators, who unrom the soil, even the men to put something like 2 million dollars a ite as one to build up a business basyouth and power in the sluggish life- year. Yet on all this enormous in- ed on service rather than profit. come he did not pay one cent of tax-

KANSAS CITY HAY MARKET.

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Prairie:

No. 1—\$15.00 @ 15.50.

No. 2—\$12.50 @ 14.50.

No. 3—\$9.00 @ 12.00.

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No. 2—\$14.50 @ 18.50. No. 3—\$9.50 @ 14.00.

No. 1-\$18.00 @ 20.00.

No. 2-\$12.00 @ 17.50.

No. 2—\$17.50 @ 18.50. No. 3—\$14.00 @ 17.00.

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Prairie:

Clover:

There you have an example of how pay high taxes results is their escaping taxation altogether. A tax rate beyond a certain point simply drives investments and six of the six of investments out of active business into tax free securities.

This is what happened in William Rockefeller's case with the result that the man of average means is paying Rockefeller's share of taxes. That is unjust. Rich men like Mr. Rockefeller ought not to be provided with the same change in Prairie. There is a incentive and the means to shift their taxes on to people less able to pay. The whole income tax system needs

whom we fear are not so well-meaning. showed by the last semi-annual report are \$2,291. Of this sum, \$1,511 Cooperation must spring from the was distributed among the members people themselves, else it is not co-operation. To the extent that the \$600 was placed in the reserve fund.

they not infrequently do, they can ened the cooperative society. Many throw many troublesome monkey wrenches into the machinery.

The federal land banks are an exchange of the private merchants. The members of this co-operative society. In any new members were won for the co-op. by the attitude of the private merchants. The members of this co-operative society. ample of so-called cooperation estab-lished by the government. Under the original act, the farmer-borrowers

#### **Attention Members**

The referendum ballots are being sent to local secretaries with a request that they be returned to the state secretary's office prior to April first. The amendments voted for and

Emporia were 8 in number. AMENDMENT NO. 1 simply means that the delegates shall, at each meeting, determine the next meeting place. AMENDMENT NO. 3

simply provides that the money now in the building fund shall be invested as the board of directors determine, and how the income from same shall be used. AMENDMENT NO. 5 and 6

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To Legal Secretaries And The Membership in General

We have the State Constitutions
for 1922, "containing the Amend
ments as adopted," ready for distrioutlen at 5c per copy. C. E. Brasted, Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Craw-ford County Farmers' Union will be held on the last Tuesday of each month throughout the year except when this date falls on a Legal Holi-

A. C. BROWN, Co. Pres.

CRAWFORD COUNTY MEETINGS
AT GIRARD KANSAS
Girard Local No. 494 of the Farmers
Union meets in Union Hall the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p. m.

L. E. Roof, Pres. Poy W. Holland, See.

UNION LOCAL NO. 273. Regular meetings on second and fourth Thursday each month.

SILVERDALE LOCAL NO. 2051. Silverdale Local No. 2051 meets every second and fourth Wednesday in themonth at the Silverdale School

J. F. Lewis, Sec.

NEWBERRY LOCAL NO. 1922. Newberry Local No. 1922 meets regularly, the first and third Monday nights of each month. The members make the union what is is. You help make it a success in every way by doing more than your part and attending these meetings. R. J. Muckenthaler,

Sec'y-Treas. UNION LOCAL NO. 2019. Regular meetings on the second and fourth Fridays of each month, at 7:30 p. m.

Geo. Speed, Pres. Alice Kendall, Sec.

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ceive your copy at once. C. E. Brasted, Secretary.

CARLETON LOCAL NO. 1911.

Regular meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

J. Humbarger, Pres.

R. J. Logan, Sec. R. J. Logan, Sec.

CLEVELAND LOCAL NO. 364. Cleveland Local No. 364, Neosho County, will hold their regular meetings on the third Tuesday of every

stay home and kick.

George J. Schoenhofer Sec.

POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING MARCH 20.
The first quarterly meeting of the forcing as all of promptly at ten o'clock.
Locals are requested to send a full delegation to this meeting, as well as all presiders and secretaries of the locals in the county.

An open meeting will be held after 3 o'clock for all farmers and tax payers of the county.

EVERLY MEETING MARCH 20.
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W. T. Flinn, Sec.-Treas. AT ERIE, MARCH 8th.

The first quarterly meeting of the Veosha County Farmers Union will be held in the I. O. O. F. hall in Erie, Kansas on Saturday, March 8th, com-mencing at 1 p. m. All locals are requested to send a full delegation and to be there promptly.

J. O. Foust, Sec.

NEOSHA COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The regular quarterly meetings of the Neosha County Farmers Union will be held in the I. O. O. F. hall in Athelstone Central—1171— Ralph Athelstone Central—1271— Ralph the Neosha County Farmers Union will be held in the I. O. O. F. hall in Erie, Kansas on the second Saturday of the following months: March, Inne September and December.

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AT BELOIT, MARCH 11th.

cers for the ensuing year will be held. The Committee on Good of the Order is preparing a good program for the meeting. Every Local should send delegates. Come out and attend this meeting whether you are a delegate or not. There will be business to come before the meeting of in-terest to every farmer in Mitchell

Yours for cooperation, C. L. Hendricks, County Sec'y

AT STONE LOCAL. The Stone Local held their regular meeting Feb. 15, after the meettertained by singing and music. All departed at a late hour having en-

joyed themselves very much.

Chas. Pywell, Prs.,

L. O. Marcate, Sec.-Treas. FOSTER LOCAL IS DOING

THINGS.

the same thing in the right way means a saving to all of them. "Uncle Reuben in Washington" formerly sold for \$2.00. Quantity program and had lots of fun. J. A. Rusgame and had lots of fun. J Make remittance of \$1.00 to C. Sell and rearl williams received the sisted on furnishing and serving a dinner free of charge to all union At the part meeting the social dinner free of charge to all union committee announce we will have races and refreshments of some kind. Of of the Chamber of Commerce of Os-

AT HAYS MARCH 8th.

The Ellis County Farmers Union will hold its first regular meeting Saturday, March 8th, 1924, in the Blair The guests were Mrs. Char-Saturday, March 8th, 1924, in the Courthouse at Hays, Kansas. All locals are requested to send a full delegation as this will be a very important of the control of the con

The following secretaries of Farmers Union Locals have reported to the state office every member on their rolls paid up in full for the year 1924.

\_. 2042-John T. Anderson, Sec. 52 paid for 1924 — 100 per

Summit—1574—Mrs. Alice Ames, Madison, Sec. - 30 paid for 1924-

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es and refreshments of some kind. Of of the Chamber of Commerce of Oscarda and refreshments do not know what that is and will have to come and find out. All members are paid in full for 1924. Our lecturer, Bro. J. S. Wolfe gives us a good talk most every meeting night.

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> meeting. Geo. J. Schoenhofer.

100 per cent.
Pleasant Valley —1804 — Frank
R. Erbert, Ellis, Sec. — 18 paid for
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AT BELOIT, MARCH 11th.

The first quarterly meeting of the Mitchell Co. Farmers' Union Branch Mo. 21 will be held in Beloit at the G. A. R. hall on Tuesday, March 11th at ten A. M.

At this time installation of offication at the Mitchell Co. Farmers' Union Branch Mitchell Co. Farmers' Union Bran Belleville, Sec. 22 members paid for 1924 — 100 per cent.

Prairie College — 1227 — I. P. cure one of the department's bulletins referred to and inform himself thorpure one of the subject to lease to seathing it is to be loved and to have this love put into visible and tangible form.

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C. C. Gerstenberger, Co. Pres

tant meeting.

Jos. P. Rupp, Co. Press.

PLEASANT VALLEY LOCAL
Pleasant Valley Locay Union No. 1309 meets every first and third Wednesday evening of each month.
E. J. Kissinger, Pres.
W. T. Flinn, Sec.-Treas.

Hostesses were Mrs. Geo. Urbach and Mrs. Albert Hanes.

The quilt was made by the Sisters of the Local and the proceeds will go of the Local and Local No. 364 met on their regular meeting night February 19, 1924, the members that were out were very enthusiastic and I might say, very good smokers.

Our shirping the country MEETING.

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Franklin Local No. 1301, Ells. elevator and while you are at it boost worth county, met in regular session,

for the Local. Come out and bring a new member if you cannot find a on Monday evening, February 18. Oswald Caldwell, our new President and L. C. Hutschmidt, secretary, guments on politics, good roads, and in their respective chairs. We had

Our jovial member, Mr. Hawkins, who is now in Asbury hospital, Salina, has been quite ill for some time past. He has not been improving as rapidly as could be desired. He certainly has the best wishes of all the

A cafeteria luncheon was served at the close, which was a happy con-

clusion to the evening's work. A cordial welcome awaits all visifind the latch string hanging out. Mrs. O. W. Holmes, Cor. Sec

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Locomotives cost an average of about \$60,000. 2,400,000 Freight Cars at only \$1,000

The average cost of a freigght car today is about 2,500. 57,000 Passenger-Train Cars at only 10 000 each

All steel passenger-train cars now cost from \$30,000 to \$35,000 each. Materials and Supplies.
Railroads have to keep on hand millions of tons of coal, rails, ties, spikes, and all-other material required in maintenance and opera-

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ministration In over 1.000 cities and towns, stations and terminal facilities cost over a million dollars apiece. The shops and machinery engaged in the repair of equipment constitute an enormous industry in themselves; employing nearly 400,000

The above property is believed to be worth fully \$10.000,000,000, and could not be duplicated for anywhere near that amount today.

This Totals And a valuation recognizing all the elements of value assured to the ordinary property-owner would be far in excess of this amount.

The tentative minimum valuation of the railroads at the end. of 1919 was found by the Interstate Commerce Commission to be \$18,900,000,000. This valuation was based mainly on cost of labor, materials, equipment, etc., on June 30, 1914. The subsequent investment from January 1 1920, to December 31, 1928, brings the Interstate Commerce Commission valuation for rate-making purposes as a December 31 1923, up to about \$21,200,-

Each reader can judge for himself the fairness of the contention that the Interstate Commerce Commission valuation should be reduced by from \$7,000,000,000 to \$10,000,000,000. Such a confiscation of values would be in effect be a denial to the railroads of their chief means of keeping pace with the development of the country.

Fair recognition of railroad property values is essential for adequate earning power and credit for further expansion.

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