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### A CONTINUATION OF THE WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAM

W. C. Lanson spoke to the delegates of some of the things the different departments of the Kansas Farmers Union have accomplished since their organization. He spoke most emphatically on the necessity of a revision of the tax laws of the state of Kansas.

I did not know I was such a fellow or how much I had done for the Farmers Union of the state of Kansas until Brother Huff made his introduction which was not an introduction. No matter how much I have done for the Farmers Union in the state of Kansas and throughout the Republic, it has done ten times more for me than I ever did for it and I appreciate it fully. I worked hard at the Farmers' Union business in the state of Kansas a good many years. I participated in the organization, in one way or another, in every one of the statewide business associations in some fashion. I organized a good many locals. I have been out organizing locals when I did not make enough out of it to live very good. I have worked for the Farmers' Union for \$3.00 a day and I have worked for it for nothing and got more than I earned. It was always a pleasure and I felt I was doing my best to render a service that was needed in the state of Kansas. Some times I do not know about it. I was born in the state of Kansas some little time ago. I have never been out of touch with the farmers of the state of Kansas since I was born and I have endeavored such as I could, to render some service. The state of Kansas at the present times comes, I think, nearer to having a well rounded and complete co-operative business for the farmers and complete system than any place in the Union or this world. The Farmers Union of Kansas offers to the farmers of Kansas almost every service they require in the management of his products and their own business. Hardly anything has been over looked.

The Insurance Company saves the farmers hundreds of thousands of dollars a year and renders that saving to not only members of the Farmers Union but on all farm property in the state of Kansas. The Farmers Union has been to the insurance in the state of Kansas almost half in two. The general rate has been reduced almost 50 per cent since we started in the insurance business. We are saving the farmers in Kansas money every year. Rates on hail insurance used to be so high the farmers had to go without protection. The Farmers Union organized a hail insurance and forced the premiums down.

The Farmers Union Jobbing Association is well financed and well managed. They have not paid very heavy dividends in evidence of the intangible dividends that the Farmers Union has rendered to the farmers of Kansas. The Jobbing Association did much for the wheat growers of Kansas in 1918. The year we were asked by those in charge of our Government at Washington to do everything we could to increase the crop of wheat. We supposed every patriot would contribute to that wheat crop. We were notified by the time trust that the price of wheat would be about 28c a bushel that year. The Farmers Union Jobbing Association had prepared for that very emergency. As a result we were able to sell wheat 7c lower. No 28c wheat was sold in the state of Kansas that year. The farmers of Kansas saved 7c a bushel on all the wheat they used. Not that we sold all the wheat, but our organization reached out over Kansas and the wheat field was not in hauling distance. We used 20,000,000 pounds of twine in Kansas that year. That was a saving the Jobbing Association made in that one year to the farmers of Kansas of \$1,400,000. That is more money than all the members of the Farmers Union of Kansas in the 20 years it has been in business has paid in dues into the organization. It was saving in a single year that money on a single commodity.

The Farmers Union Live Stock Commission compels justice to the live stock market. That is a kindred Association at St. Joe for the benefit of the members in the northern part of the state.

The Farmers Union Co-operative Banks of Kansas are pretty well capitalized. The Kansas City bank is not as successful and has not grown as fast as you had expected but they have rendered a service to co-operative institutions in Kansas that cannot be measured in dollars and cents. It is being well conducted and along with the other banking organizations in the state of Kansas, will be a financial agency by which the farmers of the state of Kansas will be independent of the old line.

The Farmers Union Auditing Association which has systematized accounting and started better business methods in every co-operative association that has been organized. Throughout the state we have these local business associations.

They are all doing well. Not making any great lot of money but from day to day they are rendering services not only to the Farmers Union members but to all the farmers in the state of Kansas. To agriculture in this state. The Kansas farmers,

while they are not riding on the high waves of prosperity, they are pretty well off. The mortgage indebtedness is not as great here as in some other states. In my judgment, the farmers of Kansas have better learned how to protect themselves. The history of organization, co-operation and education is already written in agriculture in the state of Kansas. Not to the extent that it should be. With this record it would seem the Farmers Union ought to have a personnel to include every farmer in the state of Kansas. I remember when the Union was forming in organized Miami county. He organized 28 locals in two or three weeks. He organized Marshall county in a very short time. Some fellow organized 25 locals in Ellsworth county in less than a month. We did not have anything but membership and promises. We had in our minds an idea of what we proposed to do and the farmers joined and every promise that was made by an intelligent organizer in the state of Kansas when the Union was being built up has been more than kept and every pledge has been more than realized upon. The service of the organization has ten times more than was ever conceived when we were trying to put it over. Yet our membership is only one-half what it was then. I do not understand that. There are 170,000 farmers in the state of Kansas. Of that number we were told that 20,000 were members of the Kansas Union. The best organization for service to agriculture ever instituted in this state. Certainly the best service organization for agriculture ever instituted in the state of Kansas and I cannot understand why there are not more members in the Farmers Union in this state. We do not want all the farmers in the state in the Farmers Union. They would not do anything but disorganize it if they were members. We are fortunate if they do not come in. Then, some have no business to be benefited by it if they would join the Farmers Union. 75,000 or 100,000 farmers ought to be members of this organization in the state of Kansas. If there was a local in every township in the state, the farmers would not have to beg on their knees for favors from any body. They could go down to the legislature and say, we want certain things and you would get them. The Farmers Union never asks for anything they do not have. I served in the Third House of the Kansas Legislature for a good many years. I was instrumental in having the first Co-operative Marketing Act passed and the Rural High School Law passed. I served in the Third House. A good many of the pieces of constructive legislation I had much to do with. Up to the time I retired from the Third House at Topeka, in the interest of the Farmers Union. The Farmers Union of Kansas had never asked the support of any measure that required the appropriation of any money of public funds from the treasury of the state of Kansas. That is a record. We asked for what was fair and right. We have made a good record in the way of business, in organization and limiting the expenses. I used to try to picture the possibilities of the Farmers Union local to a community. Every agricultural community ought to be organized. Every county should have its County Farmers Union as the voice or instrument or agent of that county and express itself in the affairs of that county. Every city has its Chamber of Commerce. That is all right. That is the mouth piece of the business community. The farmers should have their organization and let their voice be felt in the affairs of that organization in the county. Then they have their state union and their National Union. The greatest need of the Farmers Union in Kansas today is more members. I think. Perhaps some might not agree with me. The members we have are loyal. This 20,000 is needed. An army corps with their wives and daughters and sons they make quite an army but if we had 50,000 with a local in every township and a county union in every county we could support them and keep them going and make their voices felt, the Farmers Union of Kansas would do what they ought to do. All over the state, take charge of your affairs and run them. Why don't you do that. You talk to the farmers individually, they say I know we must organize. We cannot get anywhere unorganized, but they will not organize. The very success of many a co-operative organization in the state of Kansas has killed off the Farmers Union there after they began to get dividends. They say, what is the use, we have everything

we can get. The members drop out of the Union. They didn't have their local organization. Only the store and elevator. Then the store closed and it went back to the hands of those who were exploiting the farmers. One man told me about buying an elevator in his town five different times. The Farmer is so used to having some one else looking after all of his business for him that he gets work for you instead of looking after it for him. He takes considerable fees from doing it, too. Who is to blame for it. You say, well we all paid our dues why are you telling us these things. If you have any belief in the faith that you are a part of your own community to get out and help build up your own organization. You say if Mr. Huff will come down to your country and work a few weeks he can get many members. You want some one else to do the work for you instead of doing it yourself. If these locals are going to be rebuilt, if you do not get out and show your interest in them and loyalty to them, the other fellows will say if you do not take enough interest to get out and pay your dues there surely isn't much to be done. Something is wrong with you. Something is wrong with the organization. You cannot depend on Mr. Huff. I do not mean he is not reliable. He is physically limited. There are 100 counties in the state of Kansas and in every one there is a need for organizing the Farmers Union. Mr. Huff is not a very big man. He cannot divide him up into 100 pieces at once. Unless you are willing to accept your responsibility and do your part of the work and will lead this whole organization in the state of Kansas into one harmonious team pulling together for agriculture, you will not accomplish what you should. Why should you be ashamed to ask them to come in. Every promise made has been kept. Every pledge fulfilled. I expect every farmer here has heard me say most of these things. There are not many new things to say after we have been talking over the same things for 15 years.

My gospel is self help. Agriculture cannot be assisted very much by legislation. If you look to a co-operative movement or any other movement, it is to be done in some way or other. The only difference of opinion we can have as to necessity of legislation for agriculture is the particular kind. Co-operation itself accomplished much. To weld together the whole group of producers into one group in Southern California the growers are signed up 100 per cent. In order that you might get an idea of how severe their requirements are and how strict they are in enforcing them, I might say that I found out there a grower had 60 or 70 per cent of the crop signed up. They put the price up. Then some old buyers came around and told the usual lies and says you are paying this man \$5,000.00 a year. They let the price break and go out. The next day after the pool quit, the bottom dropped out of the price, and they could not sell their crop for any price at all. Then they all saw the certainty of bankruptcy and says, let's get to work building up this pool. The government through legislation can remove obstacles in a way, but the only way you can get permanent justice for yourselves is organize your own products and sell the products concerned through a single sales agency.

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farmers of this burden. You set around here on election day and let a bunch of fellows go to the legislature that insists on keeping alive that taxation system. Get busy and then tend to your own business. Not only as producers but as citizens of the commonwealth and do your part towards getting a good system of taxation in this state. There is going to be a change in the tax system of this state. Do not stay at home and let the other fellows be nominated that are pledged to carry on the present system, world without end. Assert yourselves.

A quartette of young men from Sunrise local in Marshall county sung several pleasing numbers.

Milo Reno asked that the farmers consider deeply the debt that we owe their ancestors who founded this country and our Constitution. Of the dangers assailing agriculture at this time and the way to meet them.

It is not easy to hold a crowd after they have listened to men like John Simpson and W. C. Lanson. The question was asked by both of these gentlemen and I will try to answer it. Why it was that the men of today is harder to get and hold than when it was when they did not have anything but promises to offer. It is the way of this world. We will have revival meetings and have a wonderful time. When we began, we all joined and everybody thought we were going to go on and

make this world the kingdom. It always has been and it always, perhaps will be that only a few, a splendid minority, can stand the responsibility as are demanded. As your organization grows, as the duties it performs are of importance, those who simply joined under excitement and promises, as they say, will drop out and the members who always trust and put their shoulder and minds and hearts are the one who stay. You take every political campaign in Kansas is no exception to that. The Republican candidate gets up and tells you about the things he will do to save the nation. We know all about his pledges. The Democratic candidate will do the same thing. But, the day after the day of election you never hear anything more about them until the next election comes around and then you have another big time. There are just a few intelligent dominating majority that controls the affairs. That is not peculiar. It is true as far as I know of every state. It is true in my own state.

We have perhaps one-half of the membership we had in the state of Iowa when we had nothing but promises to hand out to the people. That one-half is 100 per cent Farmers Union. They are willing to accept the responsibilities of citizenship. I am not going to talk very long of the details of organization. I am not going to tell you about Iowa or her uses to hand out to the people. That one-half is 100 per cent Farmers Union. They are willing to accept the responsibilities of citizenship. I am not going to talk very long of the details of organization. I am not going to tell you about Iowa or her uses to hand out to the people. That one-half is 100 per cent Farmers Union. They are willing to accept the responsibilities of citizenship. I am not going to talk very long of the details of organization. I am not going to tell you about Iowa or her uses to hand out to the people. That one-half is 100 per cent Farmers Union. They are willing to accept the responsibilities of citizenship. 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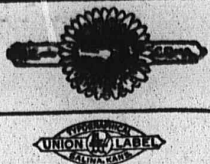
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1927

### AGRICULTURE SERVES NOTICE

A very significant meeting of grain belt and cotton farmers was held in St. Louis Nov. 1 and 2. The meeting was called by Ex-Governor Geo. W. Donaghey, of Arkansas, and was attended by some 300 farmers and farm leaders. Both the south and the grain belt were represented, and in spite of some diversity of interests there was no Mason and Dixon line apparent in the meeting. This new alignment bids fair to become permanent. Party leaders are warned that farmers will no more vote as Democrats or Republicans, primarily, but as farmers. And that they demand and expect to receive the same advantages by legislation which other industries enjoy.

### Program Features Well-Known Leaders

Such public officials as Senator Capper, of Kansas, Senator Robinson, of Indiana, and Governor Adam McMullen, of Nebraska, were in attendance at the gathering. Among the leaders of the fight last year for the passage of the McNary-Haugen bill were Geo. N. Peck, of Illinois and Chester C. Davis of Washington, D. C. Charles I. Stingle, of the National Farm News of Washington, D. C., Wm. Hirth of the Missouri Farmer of Columbia, Mo., Henry Wallace, of Wallace's Farmer, of Des Moines, were among the well known editors. Out of this group of leaders a subcommittee of nine was chosen. Governor McMullen was chairman, and the members were:

J. H. Kehoe, Kentucky Turley Tobacco Growers' Association; Earl C. Smith, Illinois Agricultural Association; William Hirth, Missouri Farmers' Association; C. E. Huff, Kansas Farmers' Union; W. H. Settle, Indiana Farm Bureau; Dr. W. B. Kilgore, North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association; Xenophon Cavenro, Missouri Cotton Growers' Association, and Robert Fletcher, Texas Cotton Growers' Association.

### Body on Resolutions

Other members of the Resolutions Committee, which will formulate the demands of this gathering of agriculturists on Congress, are: Geoffrey Morgan, Kentucky Dark Tobacco Growers' Association; Chas. E. Hearst, Iowa Farm Bureau; G. F. Bloss, Iowa Farmers' Union; C. C. Moser, Tennessee American Cotton Growers' Association; Harry Williams, Texas Cattle Growers' Association; U. B. Blalock, North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association; E. L. Dean, Arkansas Cotton Growers' Association; Dr. Talt Butler, Tennessee Cotton Growers' Association; Alfred Scarborough, South Carolina Cotton Growers' Association; Mark W. Woods, Nebraska American Counsel of Agriculture; E. L. Corbin, Missouri Farm Bureau; George B. Peck, Illinois North Central States Agricultural Conference; Ralph Snyder, Kansas Farm Bureau; C. B. Stewart, Nebraska Farm Bureau; E. A. Eckert, Illinois State Grange; Bert B. Benner, Indiana Central States Soft Wheat Growers; E. R. Downie, Kansas Wheat Growers' Association; W. W. Pitts, Texas Cotton Growers' Association.

The members of this committee indicate the scope of the conference. Probably twenty states are represented, these including principally Central and Southern states.

The body of the resolutions would be too long to print here, but the stand for the vital features of farm relief legislation embodied in the McNary-Haugen bill was vigorously stated. Regret was expressed that so many "favorite son" candidates were entering the contest for the presidential nomination, and farmers were warned to be on guard lest when the balloting was over it should be found that a candidate unfriendly to agriculture or unfriendly to the farmer's problems had been nominated. Flood control and inland waterways were given rather full attention. Both are farm problems. This gathering should have a decidedly wholesome influence upon the coming session of congress. Agriculture has served notice that half-way measures will not be accepted, and side-stepping will be deeply resented.

### FARM GROUPS UNITE ON McNARY-HAUGEN

Three National Organizations Plan Campaign for Farm Legislation Fight.

Delegates of three national farm organizations—the Farmers' Union, the National Grange and the Farm Bureau Federation—will meet in Washington November 9 to work out a unified program of farm legislation for presentation to Congress at its next session, it was announced this week.

The plan under consideration, it is said, will follow in all essential details the McNary-Haugen bill which was vetoed by President Coolidge. The only modifications will be those sought to improve the measure in the viewpoint of the farmers.

"We will fight for an effective method of disposing of surpluses, making the surplus and the commodity pay for its own disposition and not try to get it paid out of the federal treasury," said Chester H. Gray, Washington representative of the Farm Bureau. "Any plan to take out of farm relief legislation the equalization feature will not meet with the approval of our organization."

### Little Hope From Coolidge

In the meantime, although the lineup in Congress will remain favorable to farm legislation, little hope is seen of the President changing his attitude toward effective enactments.

"It looks as though no real farm relief legislation can be placed on the statute books while President Coolidge is in office," declared Senator Norris of Nebraska this week. "I say that without any criticism of the President."

"It is known that the administration is opposed to real farm relief legislation. There do not seem to be enough votes to pass a satisfactory bill by a two-thirds vote over a veto."

Although enemies of the McNary-Haugen bill declare that it would encourage over-production proponents of the measure point out that the equalization fee is the only method yet devised to penalize over-production by levying a charge against it. Under present conditions the producers of our major crops are universally penalized whenever any of the crop is sold abroad. Under the McNary-Haugen plan the farmers would get substantial prices for their crops as long as they restricted planting; but they would be penalized for over-production.

### HERBERT HOOVER, FRIEND OF AGRICULTURE

The esteemed Kansas City Star has employed itself in the jolly task of grooming Mr. Hoover for the presidential campaign among farmers. The Star's method is clever enough. First a heavy, front-page story, absolving Mr. Hoover from all responsibility in the \$2.20 wheat rice. This "scoop" came in the form of a letter from Dr. Garfield, and an appended statement, signed by the other members of the committee, completely exonerated our friend. The name of Charles S. Barrett, National President of the Farmers Union was attached to the statement. The next issue from The Star's press, some 10 hours later, reported the public joy and relief which resulted from the verdict of "Not Guilty," as rendered by The Star as judge and jury. Then an editorial dealt very feelingly with the whole matter, and Mr. Hoover was duly set up as the favorite candidate among wheat growers. They had always wanted him, but this one blow upon his otherwise clear record had made it impossible to accept him and were he back among us. So the fattest calf was stewed and we began to make merry.

At any rate many of us laughed. I wrote to the Managing Editor of The Star before the first article was published, protesting against this pretended discussion of the real question involved. A telegram from President Barrett indicated that he had not seen the statement prior to publication, though the statement itself was accurate enough, as it appeared.

There is only one question involved. That question is: Does Mr. Hoover's record indicate that he has any particular conception of or concern for agriculture? The obvious answer would seem to be that he does not.

The committee met, and agreed upon a minimum price of \$2.20 for wheat, a figure far below the then world price. President Barrett fought for a \$2.50 price, and the price agreed upon was a compromise.

The complaint which the farmer has against Mr. Hoover is that in administration he arbitrarily and without sanction of law, made it the maximum price. He did violence to the intent of the committee. He has not been absolved from this blame, nor will anyone attempt to absolve him.

Mr. Hoover did not believe it was unjust to the farmer to restrict the price to the committee's minimum figure. Indeed, he probably felt that even that price was too high. The farmer gets his product from the earth. He uses no raw material, has no pay roll, pays no income tax, feeds himself. His income is all profit.

Mr. Hoover understands commerce, industry, banking. But agriculture has no lot nor part in him. When we get our facts all together probably we shall say so, fully and with proofs.

### CARVING THE STONE

Isn't it strange that prices and kings, and clowns that caper in saw-dust rings, and common folks like you and me, are builders for eternity?

To each is given a bag of tools, A shapeless mass, and a book of rules; And each must make, ere life is flown, A stumbling block or a stepping stone.

—Selected.

### THE WEATHER IS AT FAULT

For several years industry and commerce have done very well indeed while the farmer has been losing. But America cannot continue to prosper while one-third of her population suffers bankruptcy. Already this is beginning to be evident.

unmistakable evidences of underlying weakness are at hand. This recent dispatch waves it aside by saying the weather is to blame:

Trade and industry have failed this season to keep pace with corresponding periods of the last several years, says the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank's monthly review of business conditions in the Eighth District, covering Missouri, Arkansas and parts of Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi.

Weather conditions, the report explains, have been inimical to heavy distribution of fall and winter merchandise, and there is a disposition on the part of merchants and the public to limit buying to immediate requirements.

The general trend of commodity prices was slightly upward, though some sharp declines were recorded in corn, fuel and some other materials.

Employment was about the same as the preceding month, but there was more unemployment than in the corresponding period last year, due largely to a falling off at iron and steel plants and in building operations.

### CLYDE M. REED THINKS THERE IS WIND ENOUGH FOR BOTH MILLS

Editorial in Parsons Sun Broadcasts Information Regarding Farmers Union.

The Arkansas City Traveler refers to the aims and purposes of the farm bureau and the Farmer's Union in this language:

"The Farmers Union endeavors to aid the farmer by political means. That is an excellent thing. The farmer should have an organization through which he can fight his public battles."

"The farm bureau strives to help the farmer by teaching scientific farming. It makes no effort to usurp the functions of the Farmers Union."

The esteemed Traveler is not quite just to the Farmers Union in its limitations. The fact is that the Union is the largest co-operative farm marketing and buying association in Kansas, perhaps, the greatest in the country. Any political action which it may take on behalf of the farmer is a minor, a very minor, portion of its activity.

There are several hundred local Farmers Union grain elevators operated on the co-operative plan in this state. There are numerous co-operative stores run by this organization at which the farmer gets the benefit of collective buying and lessened expense. There are even banks organized by the Farmers Union under the laws of the state and directed by the genius of that organization. It maintains wholesale marketing agencies for grain and live stock and dairy and poultry products with memberships in boards of trade and live stock associations. Its activities ramify in more directions than any other of the farm organizations and its aggregate business ranks it among the great business organizations of Kansas.

When we mention "co-operative marketing" we must consider that broadly there are two main phases of the problem, local and national, perhaps international. On the local side the Farmers Union of Kansas has done more than any other agency to develop co-operation among the farmers for their own good. It is not a political organization any more than a chamber of commerce or the Rotary club. It is quite true that in the stress to which agriculture has been and is being subjected there has come to be rather unanimity of thought and action among the farm organizations and this finds expression in suggestion of certain legislation, which may be termed as going into politics. But it is an entirely legitimate political activity for which none of them may justly be criticised.

The Sun hopes that Cowley county will establish its farm bureau and that the Traveller, a most influential and intelligent newspaper, will broaden its information regarding the Farmers Union and give it support."

### NOT MUCH WRONG WITH OUR PRODUCTION

The value of wheat shipped from the United States to European markets in 1926 totaled one hundred seventy-three million dollars (\$173,000,000); last, one hundred eighty-three million dollars (\$183,000,000); meats sixty-four million dollars (\$64,000,000). European trade with the American farmer is constantly increasing.

Great Britain is a heavy customer of the American farmer. In 1926 there was shipped to the United Kingdom last to the value of thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000), wheat to the value of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) and cotton going well over two hundred eight million dollars (\$208,000,000).

## GLIMPSES OF CO-OPERATION

### CITIZENS TAKE HALF THE FRUIT

More than 55 per cent of total shipments of the 16 leading fruits and vegetables were shipped to 35 large cities, according to recent statistics.

The 899,431 cars of apples, cabbage, cantaloup, celery, grape fruit, grapes, lemons, lettuce, onions, oranges, peaches, potatoes, strawberries, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, and watermelons reported shipped 500,152 cars were unloaded in these large cities.

### FOOD? NO END!

How much food is consumed every day? According to a research report issued by the Engineering Foundation, approximately 1,750,000,000 human beings are consuming 2,000 kilogram calories of food per day. In a year the total amount of this energy amounts to 1,200,000,000,000,000 kilogram calories.

All the other animals; the vertebrates, the invertebrates and the soil micro-organisms are consuming about six times this amount—and the total earthly food consumption per year would be 84 with 14 ciphers kilogram calories. All of this energy was fixed from sunlight by green plants "by one of nature's most inefficient processes, photosynthesis."

### AUSTRALORPS GAIN IN FAVOR

The Australorp breed of poultry, introduced three years ago from Australia, is becoming an increasingly popular breed and in the last Los Angeles poultry show took 97 first places.

Developed by Australians for the Black Orpington, the Australorp is a bird that combines exceptional laying qualities with heavy-weight and white tendency. The hens average six and one-half pounds, and the cocks eight and one-half. These weights are frequently exceeded and it is stated that Capons should weigh around 12 pounds.

### RAT POPULATION IS SHRINKING

Rats are probably decreasing in number in the United States, although the decrease is only beginning to become apparent, according to the Department of Agriculture.

"The chief factors responsible for any decrease," states the report, "are present-day sanitary requirements and modern buildings, which make it increasingly difficult for rats to find food and shelter; a national urge against all unnecessary waste; and a better understanding generally of the relation of rats to human economy."

## REFLECTIONS

### ENGLAND HAS TROUBLE ENOUGH WITHOUT HAVING BIG BILL AS A SUBJECT OF THE CROWN

Echoes of Mayor Thompson's campaign slogan, "America First!" and "Down with King George," came bounding back with power tube volume at the board of education trial of William McAndrew, suspended superintendent of schools.

Testimony that aimed originally to show that Mr. McAndrew was fostering pro-British teaching in the Chicago schools was augmented to lend substance to Mayor Thompson's charges that a carefully directed propaganda, favorable to England and unfavorable to America, is being carried on throughout the entire nation.

Frederick Bauman, former supreme court justice of the state of Washington, was the witness and he dealt almost entirely with the nationwide propaganda he said exists. At one point in the hearing he volunteered the statement that he knew nothing "about your local schoolbooks."

Mr. Bauman said that the Cecil Rhodes trust fund has been set up to the British crown, and that this is the apparent origin of the overseas propaganda.

The United States, "influenced by British propaganda," gave supremacy to the sea by asking for an advance, "because it was foolish enough to sink part of the navy at England's suggestion."

### THE SITUATION IN CHINA

From the beginning the present struggle in China has been a real puzzle to the outside world. Movement and counter movement have followed each other in quick succession. Some group has become dominant, and has seemed to be on the eve of rather complete success, only to crumble away again. There seems now to be an increasing power in the Conservative northern group. Upon the surface it now seems that the whole trend has reversed, and that reaction rather

### THE REASON FOR THE GRAIN RATE FIGHT

Summary of Address by Clyde M. Reed, Publisher of the Parsons Daily Sun, and Formerly Chairman of the Kansas Public Utilities Commission, Before the American Congress Annual Convention at Kansas City, Mo., November 16, 1927.

Mr. Reed said in part:— Kansas is the largest wheat growing state in the country. Wheat to Kansas is what steel is to Pennsylvania. It is our great cash crop, and the price received for our annual product is the most important single thing in our whole business situation.

About two hundred million bushels of wheat are annually exported from the United States. The price that is received for this wheat in foreign markets, less a direct export premium, is the price of the entire crop including that which is consumed at home.

Our great competitor in the world wheat market is Canada. The world market price at Liverpool less the cost of transportation from the wheat fields of Canada and of the United States to that point is reflected in the price received on the farms in Kansas or North Dakota or Saskatchewan.

It is interesting to note the relative prices of December wheat quoted in the four great primary wheat markets on the North American Continent on the same days of the current crop year. These markets are Winnipeg, Chicago, Minneapolis and Kansas City.

Closing Prices for December Wheat Data: Minneapolis, Minn., K. C.

Nov. 5 \$1.27 1/2 1.26 1/2 1.23 1/2 1.21 1/2  
Oct. 31 1.25 1/2 1.25 1/2 1.23 1/2 1.20 1/2  
Oct. 5 1.30 1/2 1.30 1/2 1.28 1/2 1.25 1/2  
Sep. 30 1.30 1/2 1.30 1/2 1.28 1/2 1.24 1/2  
Sept. 1 1.37 1/2 1.38 1/2 1.36 1/2 1.31 1/2

Authority: Daily Market Reports. It will be noted that the price of wheat in the Winnipeg price has rather consistently ranged above the price of wheat at the primary markets in the United States. The figures quoted are not cited as reflecting prices paid for the various grades of cash wheat but it is the nearest common denominator that can be used to indicate the situation at all of the markets.

Let us now examine the transportation situation. If it be true that the Liverpool price less the cost of transportation is reflected in some degree back to the farm in Kansas and in Canada then it will be interesting to determine what the relative transportation costs are.

Practically all of the Canadian wheat moves over the Canadian rail lines to Fort William on the north shore of Lake Superior and thence by the Great Lakes and canals to Montreal or by the Great Lakes and rail lines to Montreal, New York, Philadelphia or Baltimore.

In a recent decision of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada (Published Sept. 12, 1927) the Board at page 283 estimated the average haul of wheat from the prairie provinces to Ft. William as approximately 800 miles and the average freight rate for this haul is 20¢ per 100 pounds or 12¢ per bushel. This rate applies whether the wheat is for export or domestic Canadian consumption.

At page 277 of the report, the Canadian Board shows the cost of moving grain for export by various routes from Ft. William to Atlantic ports as follows:

Route	Per Bu.
Ft. William to Montreal	11.41 av.
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Lake and rail via bay port	13.86 av.
Lake and rail to New York	17.76 av.
Lake and rail via Buffalo	15.76 av.
Ft. William to Philadelphia or Baltimore	15.46 av.
Lake and rail via Buffalo	15.46 av.
Average	14.12

The above figures are supported by a witness for the Minneapolis Board

that revolution will succeed. Many of the leaders of the revolution admit apparent failure, and that probably years may be required to lay foundations again for an extensive change.

The Chinese war lords seem to have about the same brand of statesmanship as the poorer type of politician in America. They change sides readily, it seems, with any shift of personal interests. If reports are to be believed there is one real accomplishment to date, and that is the organization of Chinese farmers. A remarkably extended farmers union is said to have been established, and has some chance to live and function. Such an organization could work greater relief for the Chinese than all the fighting is apt ever to do.

There is grim humor in the fact that the "Christian General," Feng Yu-Hsiang, doesn't know at present which side to take. Whether he waits word from the Lord or the treasury is unknown.

### WE WOULD NOT HAVE SAID THIS

Dutch Shultz, a well known propagandist, has been following the Bankers Special Pullman during the last week. Dutch is being paid to write stories which will bolster up the Bailey testimony at Minneapolis, and to incidentally help the railroads in their attempt to continue their hold-up of freight rates by asking for an advance. Poor Shultz is having a hard time to make his fiction stand up even in the eyes of the Special Interests themselves; about every time he looks around and hands out one of his funny prosperity stories telling how hard it is for the Bankers to be able to get people to borrow their money, some bank closes its doors because the farmers are unable to pay their notes and twice during the last month the Banker has committed suicide. Every day last week Dutch cried out loud because the prosperity forced on the farmers of Kansas was causing the Bankers uneasy nights to care for the farmers money and on one day two Banks were ac-

tually closed because the farmers were unable to liquidate their paper. And Dutch is the same chap who writes the silly rot which is being carried in over a hundred partisan weekly papers. He is the same chap who draws a regular monthly stipend from certain Republican politicians. He is the same Shultz who ran in his bluff over the attorney general a year ago forcing Griffith to settle a just claim for almost nothing. In other words Griffith paid Shultz about \$2,000 of the state's money for Dutch's good will. How long will the people of Kansas pay attention to the writings of that kind of a Duck?—Kansas State News.

### AT THE SIGN OF THE SYLPH AND SARINE

(It has just been explained at the Drapers' Summer School that many women are now walking about in kind of armor, because the silk for their dresses is heavily loaded with perchloride of tin.)

My love is like a silver streak  
Because she keeps herself so thin,  
My love is armored and antique  
And, like a sarine, dressed in kind,  
My love is lustrous, eye, but lean;  
She keeps her weight down most severely;  
I do not think I've ever seen  
A lass self-rational more austere.

But, oh, my love is very hard—  
Close in her shining armor pent  
She keeps her gay, unyielding guard  
And is not moved by sentiment.  
She may (and does) reduce her weight  
By curt and calculated feedings,  
But I not, I regret to state,  
Reduced by any lover's pleadings.  
Ah, well, the times—and modes—are new,  
And since my love is stern and stark,  
She is not, from the archer's view,  
A very satisfactory mark.  
Surprise must, after all, be small  
That Cupid's arrow falls ill-fated—  
My love is hardly there at all  
And what there is in armour-plated,  
—Lucio, in The Manchester Guardian.

wheat is lower in Nebraska than in Kansas.

Is it now becoming apparent why Winnipeg can consistently quote a higher price for wheat than the American markets. Let us examine the relative transportation charges on another basis.

During the winter period navigation on the Great Lakes is closed. The Canadian Board of Railway Commissioners recently adjusted the all rail freight rates on export wheat from the Canadian prairie provinces to Quebec an average haul of 1750 miles. For the 800 mile rail haul from the prairie provinces to the "breaking point" the "gathering rates" average 20¢ per 100 lbs. or 12¢ a bushel. The Canadian Board ordered an export rate from the "breaking point" to Quebec a distance of approximately 1000 miles of 18.34¢ per 100 lbs. For an average all rail haul of 1750 miles from the wheat farms in Canada to Quebec they fixed an average rate of 38.34¢ per 100 lbs. or 23¢ a bushel.

From Colby, Kansas, to Baltimore the distance is about 1600 miles. The all rail rate is 59¢ per 100 lbs. or 36¢ per bushel, 18¢ a bushel more than the Canadian rate for a longer haul. The closest comparison with the Canadian wheatfield—Quebec export rate that could be made thru Gulf ports is from Crawford, Neb., a distance of 1483 miles to New Orleans where the rail rate is 64¢ per 100 lbs. or 38.4¢ per bushel or 16¢ a bushel more than the Canadian farmer pays for a greater service. It must be remembered that the ocean rate from the Gulf ports average about 3¢ per bushel higher than the Atlantic ports to Europe, which must be added to the Nebraska farmers' handicap.

I believe that the difference in transportation costs imposed upon the Kansas and Nebraska farmers at the winter wheat belt is compared to the Canadian freight rates is the main reason for the difference in the price of wheat at Kansas City and Winnipeg. This difference averaged around 6 to 8 cents a bushel thru the current crop year. The average Kansas wheat crop over a period of several years has been approximately 120 million bus. Assuming the difference in price is chargeable to the difference in transportation cost the less to Kansas on its wheat crop annually is from eight to ten million dollars. In the face of this situation, and of the reduction in grain rates ordered by the Board of Railway Commissioners of Canada, the Kansas railroads are asking for an increase of something like 40% in their grain rates. It is this situation with which the farm organizations of Kansas and other states are struggling. Every citizen of Kansas is vitally concerned.

The wheat crop means to Kansas what the steel business means to Pennsylvania. It is conceivable that the Pennsylvania steel manufacturers would rest under any such handicap as against their principal competitor as the Kansas farmer suffers in transportation cost as compared with the Canadian farmer, his principal competitor? Certainly the Pennsylvania steel manufacturer would do nothing of the kind. Individually and collectively he would be forcing the National Capitol at Washington demanding a reduction in the freight rates or an increase in the tariff on steel, or both. And he would probably get both.

### VEGETARIAN DINNET TO BLAME

Vegetarianism is hard on shoe leather. At any rate that is the explanation of high shoe-prices offered by the National Shoe Dealers' Retail association. The more vegetables eaten, the less beef consumed; and the less beef, the fewer cattle slaughtered and the scarcer the leather. Increase of 15 to 20 per cent in the price of shoes is forecast.



## Ladies' Auxiliary

### DEAR LADIES OF THE AUXILIARY

I am sure you will be glad to hear of the encouraging report I have to make for this week.

Mrs. M. L. Beckman of Hays Local No. 1130 at Clay Center has written me that their ladies have organized and are ready to go to work. She says that among the many things they have planned to do they are going to study Parliamentary Law. I have great faith in the Ladies of Clay county and am sure we will hear from them from time to time.

Then in a communication from a local in Trego county there had been a committee appointed to organize an Auxiliary. We are anxiously waiting for more news from them.

My only hope is that the Auxiliaries will organize so fast now, that it will be necessary for us to call a special meeting to plan for a State Charter and arrange for a working program, before the next State Convention. Because, of course that is what will have to be done as we grow, for we will never want to pull ourselves away from the convention since the convention is just as important to us as it is to the men.

I have nothing more this week that I think of, but will pass on to you a clipping that I read from a Canadian paper, that, I think interests us:

#### INFLUENCE

Influence, like Charity, I believe, begins at home. We are told that national life is only reflection of the home life of a country. If this be true, and I believe it is, does it not show how important it is that home influence should be of the highest order, and that all those things that go to make a nation great—religious training, kindness, unselfishness, thoughtfulness, industry and thrift—should be rooted in the homes of our country? If we wish to command the respect of all the nations of the world, Robert Burns, in his "Cotter's Saturday Night" tells this clearly in these words:

"From scenes like these old Scotia's grandeur springs,  
That makes her loved at home, revered abroad."

One of the most treasured things in life is the influence of a good mother. Of this Burns says, "The Cottage leaves the palace far behind." Then comes the school and the influence it has on our lives. There are really two sides to school life; study and play, both important, the influence of which never dies. The student

pupil generally becomes the industrious citizen. The boy or girl who learns to play fair and square at school will generally be found as man or woman playing square in business and in the game of life. Many of the leaders of our country today in religion, science, industry and politics are proud to tell of the little red school house, the influence of which carried them to the highest positions in their various activities.

Only recently in Toronto a number of prominent men from different parts of the Dominion gathered together to do honor to a lady school teacher who had grown old in the service, but whose good influence had not been forgotten by those men of prominence.

Community Influence  
And now we come to community influence, the church, the society and all that goes to make up the social environment in which we live. It, too, is only a reflection of the individuals composing it. Did you ever stop to think how quickly the whole community will rush to the rescue of a single individual if his life is endangered, and yet we will often sit idly by the side of a man whose life is being destroyed, when all that was required was an influence to protect and save it. It, therefore, becomes our duty to use our influence to help make better citizens, thereby making for a better community.

You know, some people believe power is greater than influence. This is not so. Do you remember the story of the wind and the sun—How they had an argument as to which could make a man walking on the road take his coat off quickest? So they proceeded to try. The wind blew with all its might and only succeeded in making him button his coat up tighter. Then the sun came out with its kindly warmth. "I believe I will take my coat off," the man said, and immediately proceeded to do so, proving that the genial influence of the sun was greater than the mighty power of the tempest. And so we find it all through life, that influence is one of the greatest factors in raising mankind to a higher standard of thinking and living—Molly Coup-land.

#### STATE OF THE UNION

A bushel full of government reports all convey the comforting information that the State of the Union is more than "tolerable," and that no panics or bread lines are in prospect to annoy the peace of mind or disturb the activities in the New York Stock Exchange—and all the rest of us.

## 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 running order by the first of the year, it has been suggested that we begin with a contest, that will last through November and December, ending December 31st.

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.

#### FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Having being asked (by our worthy president Mrs. Charles Simpson) to write something in our Ladies Auxiliary page for the good of the order, I will try to say some thing to be of interest to all as much as possible of our K. F. U. As for my own ideas will say I think nothing better could be done at present time to build up our state wide activities.

Then we women (whom our husbands are union members) do endeavor, or when we buy our flour to insist on K. F. U. brand and if our merchant doesn't handle that brand just tell him your prefer that brand and without doubt he will at once try and please his customers as all merchants do, and likewise with F. U. members who live in towns or cities as well as country about our purchasing of butter and Union Gold products.

Just when making a purchase of those commodities we need and use every day, insist on these two things, K. F. U. flour and Union Gold products and I am sure we will obtain results and before closing will just pass along a little clipping of (The Kansas Spirit) as I see it. "This is a state where men and women are measured not by their wealth, creed, or class, but by their record of service, to their fellowman, and the things that will promote the general welfare. I like to think of Kansas as a great homestead, with its setting in the heart of the Union, and occupied by a big family, laboring for its moral, educational, industrial and social betterment. Visualize such a picture in your mind, and you have my definitions of Kansas—a great family striving for a higher destiny."

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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 (illustrating 30 of the various, simple stitches) all valuable hints to the home dressmaker.  
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#### THE OLD HOKUM BUCKET

"Only this last year some 650,000 farmers came to the glad realization that farm labor wasn't compulsory, and left the job without even waiting to wash up."

"According to reports from trained observers," remarked Mr. Stubbs in a tone of deep disappointment, "the farmers of Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska ain't embattled at all. They have no particular kick, and are really feeling pretty good about present conditions." "Well, why wouldn't they?" said Uncle Henry with a shrug. "Despite the slings and arrows of outraged San Francisco, Los Angeles is a mighty nice place to live in; that is, unless you take the advertisements seriously, and try the winter bathin'. A regular Garden of Eden, as any southern California realtor will testify without even asking immunity, and only two kinds of weather—perfect and unusual."

"Of course the farmers of Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska have no kick. Usin' a shoe horn to get in an' out of your bungalow may be a good deal of a nuisance, an' havin' an oil well in the front yard rather complicated socially, but, on the other hand, think of the opportunities they get for an absolutely free view of the famous movie stars in person. All that any resident of Los Angeles has to do is to stay up late enough."

"Weather reports an' the prices of wheat an' corn no longer worry our agricultural brethren of the West, my dear 'Lonzo, for their present problems are not related to the soil. What they want most jes' now is a law compellin' the caterpillars to put in lighter an' larger trays, bigger bags of cherries for five cents, an' some patent appliance for removin' the pits. Small as the stones are, they do bruise the throat after a time."

"No, indeed! The Mississippi Valley farmer is sittin' pretty these days. As fast as he can trade his sunburnt acres for a flivver he doesn't wait for any McNary-Haugen Bill, but furnishes his own relief, goin' away from the old hokum bucket in defiance of every speed law, hat jammed down over his eyes, both feet pressed hard on the gas, an' gettin' more an' more smiles to the gallon the further he goes."

Pests: Political Kissing Bugs  
"Reliable statistics show that 3,000,000 farmers have quit the land since 1920. Only in this very last year some 650,000 came to the glad realization that farm labor wasn't compulsory, an' left the job without even waitin' to wash up. What with the westward rush of farmers, an' the broad sweep of the mighty movie stream to Hollywood, they've had to put traffic cops in the Mohave Desert, an' still there's a lot of congestion."

"A journey from Kansas to the Dakotas is now one of the most depressing, heart rendin' sights in the world. Where once the landscape was brilliant an' animated—happy farmers rushin' here an' there in joyous pursuit of the mischievous mischief-bug, today there is a vast silence, broken only by the moans of first an' second mortgages as they cluster around deserted homesteads, waitin' vainly for the old care an' attention."

"For the life of me, 'Lonzo, I can't understand it. For a life was richer an' fuller than the farmer's. What with the healthful activities provided by the boll weevil, the potato bug, the foot-and-mouth disease, locusts, droughts, the army worm an' things like that his summer never knew a dull moment. An' as for the necessary travel note, it was provided by the Texas tick an' the San Jose scale."

"In the winter there was nothin' at all for him to do but sit an' snow bats, break the, poor 'bollin' water down the pump, rick the stothin', restful 'ark, an' haul feed for ten or twelve hours through the bracin' zero weather. Think of those long, quiet evenin's, alone with his Maker an' his chilblains, an' the chance they gave to look through all the almanacs in search of new an' interestin' ailments,

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his leisure unmurdered by fear that neighbors might drop in. "As for purely social contacts, I don't suppose that any class in the world was ever the object of more passionate attention than the farmers during a political campaign. From one city poured the candidates, only waitin' to pull on a linen duster an' sprinkle some milk on their boots, all of 'em so full of love an' interest that the poor, embarrassed agriculturists had to hide in the storm cellar to keep from bein' kissed to death."

"While it is true that the farmer's life may have lacked certain urban diversions, he had many amusements of his own. Instead of comic strips, he got his laugh by readin' the political platforms, an' his effort to sell his products for enough to pay the freight bills furnished occupation for more absorbin' than any cross-word puzzle. An' tryin' to figure out the compound interest on his mortgages left him no time for Ask Me Anoth'."

"To be sure, it must have been a trifle irritatin' to compare his treatment with that accorded other classes. While the farmer had to sell in the open markets of the world, the manufacturin' industries were in enjoyment of tariffs that gave 'em the full privileges of monopoly, although without benefit of clergy. In all fairness, 'Lonzo, we've got to admit that the New England wool an' cotton mills have been America's white-haired boys for a long time."

"When the farmer landed in Washington, the best he got was a gruff command to go round to the back door an' see if the cook had anything for him, but the minute the industries let out a howl of alarm congress an' president reached for their rifles, leaped out of the window, an' raced up an' down the Atlantic seaboard to see that the pauper labor of Europe didn't slip in a clock or washpan or threshing machine to menace our infant efforts."

"I don't see why they couldn't do something for the farmer," insisted Mr. Stubbs. "The railroads get a guarantee of dividends on their investments."

"That's different," said Uncle Henry. "It's perfectly safe to raise railroad rates, for only one travelin' man out of a hundred ever gets a chance to vote."

"An the higher the railroad fare the more mileage a congressman gets the chance to claim."

Down to Rock Bottom  
"In all honesty, the farmer does get the worst of it in a lot of ways. The manufacturers, railroads an' union men can have their organizations without anybody raisin' a row, but the

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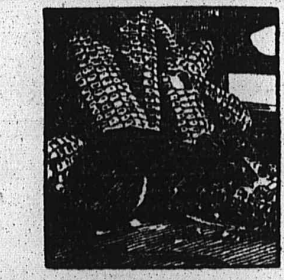
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minute the poor agriculturist forms anything but a literary society or candy club the whole country lets out a yell of rage an' anguish, claimin' that the foundations of the Republic are bein' torn down by agricultural greed an' class consciousness.

When Senator Butler solemnly announces that the long-bearded infant industries of New England must have higher tariffs to protect 'em from the pauper labor of Abyssinia, Siam, Java an' all points south, nobody attacks him as a crazy demagogue, but let a poor yep from the cornfields of the West mutter somethin' about farm relief an' he's denounced at once as a dangerous blatherskite workin' under orders from the Third International.

"No member of the Manufacturers' Association has ever been compelled to flee his native land, but the organizers of the Farmers' Nonpartisan League are still hidin' in remote parts of the earth, some under divin' bells in the Pacific an' others crouched in the upper boughs of the deadly upas tree in tropical jungles."—Uncle Henry in Collier's Weekly.



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"However, it's a problem that's solvin' itself, 'Lonzo. What with the way they're leavin' the land, there won't be any farmers left a few years from now, an' we'll all be goin' out into the fields to get our own breakfast."

"This should give the boys and girls of all ages some new experience in slecin' divots that will surprise 'em. It may help put 'em to sleep with few if any settin'-em-up exercises."

"But I'll be sorry to see the farmer go, 'Lonzo, for he was certainly a good thing while he lasted. You could pass anything on him from a Canadian dime to a telephone slug."

"The N. W. England farmer is still stickin' to his job," asserted Mr. Stubbs.

"Yes," said Uncle Henry, "he's all right. 'The market for crushed rock is good, an' prices were never higher. Outside of stone bruises, he has no complaint."

"Uncle Henry" in Colliers Weekly.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY  
Whereas God in his infinite wisdom has taken from this life our Sister Mrs. Jennie Hastings, a member of our local 2049, and whereas her family has sustained the loss of a faithful wife and loving mother and the community the loss of a neighbor that was always ready to help in time of need therefore, we the members of Bellevue local do express our deepest sympathy and may our loss be Heaven's gain.  
Be it resolved that a resolution be sent to the stricken family and one to the

Kansas Union Farmer and one spread on the minutes.  
Committee  
G. W. Chandler  
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we are going to build co-operative enterprises. Kansas has the rottenest system of any state in the Union in the way of taxation. Iowa has the best. Any time we cannot collect taxes it is because there is nothing to collect from. We have you beat a thousand ways so far as taxation is concerned. We can vote taxes to build \$500,000.00 dairy buildings. I want you to get excited over this matter of taxation because the power to tax, as the power of prosperity or adversity comes from you. Do not forget that as society is organized today you pay every dollar of taxes that are paid. Not part of it but you pay every dollar of it. I do not care if they put all the taxes necessary to take care of the state of Kansas on the railroad line, it will finally come right back to you in the last analysis and you will pay it. You will kick just as hard as you can. You are not organized enough that you can compel the rest of society to pay the cost of production of what you produce. Every group who produces anything, except the farmer, gets the price they ask for their labor. There is a solution to this. When I see such wonderful buildings, wonderful improvements, they are magnificent beautiful labor laid every brick. Hung every door. Did all labor necessary to produce those buildings and you feed the laborers while they did it and furnished all the material while they did it. It is the laborer on the farm who has created all the wealth in this country. The laborers in town would not have anything if you had not done it. That group that manipulates what you produce. There may be exceptions but they are so few you will not notice it. How have they been able to go along and manufacture what you have produced. You have not been organized and you have turned it over to them. Henry Ford has had too much sense to do that. When he builds a machine, he retains control of it all the way to the scrap heap. He does not sell it to the distributor. He turns it over to the distributor as his sales agent and tells him what he can sell it for. Not only what Henry Ford must get but the amount of money charged to the general public. Not only that, but when he controls that car, he tells what shall be charged for every part necessary to repair it and keep it in operation. All the way to the scrap heap he retains control of it. Every organization that has a success in the last 100 years is the institution that retains possession of the products he produces. When you build your machinery control the products of your farms. Usually local sources name the price but it doesn't mean anything. You own the thing you organized and built your machinery to control the products of your farms and determines what it costs to produce it and then hold your products until you get that price, then you mean business and you do not mean business until you do it. Somebody says that would be an awful thing to do. It would be but have not they been doing some awful things to you fellows? If the farmers of the United States would sit down and neither buy nor sell for 10 days, the problem would be solved. If society knew you had sense enough to sit down for 10 days to get what really belonged to you they would know you would sit down 30 days if necessary. The farmers of the United States would solve their problems when they are big enough and broad enough and wide enough to take this position. We are willing to grant every right and privilege to every other class of men and women that we ask for ourselves. We are willing to pay for what we use in our homes exactly what it costs to produce it. We are willing that the men who built our binders and machinery, that they shall not only have the necessities of life but the luxuries of life and the culture of life. We are willing to give every opportunity to the men who are cultivating the soil and get a broader vision of life. When you have said that, say we are going to demand this same consideration for ourselves and build an organization of our own. We are not asking of society or any other group something that we use but that we are not willing to grant to them. Before they can enslave you people they not only have to destroy your faith in your ability to do things but they have to destroy your faith in yourself. The faith you should have in yourself. What you know to be right. Before they can make that they have to dispose of your homes.

The Bankers of the State Association control Iowa today. One of the steps necessary to enslave you is to destroy the American farm home. The homes in Kansas which your fathers and mothers and grandfathers and grandmothers fought for is to be turned over to great corporations and you can get a job wherever you can get it. In other words, the peasant shoes is setting just outside the door to put them on or not. Maybe you will, but I never will. I was not raised to wear down shoes and I will not. I do not know whether you are going to put them on or not. Sometimes wonder if in your trustfulness and your indifference you will not let this program be put across on your children and your children's children and if you do, you are a disgrace to the mother that bore you. I have wondered, when I see an organization like you have with 170,000 farmers in the state and only 20,000 ready to take up and accept the challenge of these anarchists and traitors, I have wondered whether you have not the nerve to accept that challenge. I have wondered whether you will allow some sacrifice to stand between you and your duties. Have you ever thought when your forefathers pledged to God and man "we pledge our life, our property and our honor" and thousands of them paid the price. They paid it with their lives. They did it for me and for you. Reemerge again the American people to that when Abraham Lincoln says at Gettysburg that a better government for the people, by the people and of the people shall not perish

from the earth." The constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence was built and sacrificed by the best blood. I am wondering if we, today are allowing these sacrifices and money interests to stand between us and the perpetuation of this great government of ours. I believe we all of the heart, soul and mind that the American people today are facing the most serious thing in the history of the nation. You are facing a problem. Without exception the greater than the Civil War or the World War. You are facing a world problem. I hate to think of it. It would break my heart to feel that the boys and girls who played around in their childhood on the Kansas home, that they are going to do, I first saw the light of day in Iowa and spent their childhood in Iowa farm homes are going to lie down and permit their fore to destroy the manhood and womanhood of this civilization. That is what they are going to do. That is what they are going to do. The picture of the United States with the "trap" led on and the United States constitution destroyed and the Declaration of Independence destroyed, all you have to do is take the picture of "men and women" that happened there. Unless the people will give of their lives, if necessary, and their supreme sacrifice, if necessary, that this nation shall have a new birth. One equal with the other, all under God. That is our job. Our task. The job of the people of the Farmers Union.

Motion was made and seconded that the meeting adjourn until 8:30 a. m. Thursday. Carried.  
8:30 A. M. Thursday, Oct. 13, 1927  
The meeting was called to order by President C. E. Huff. He tied the tie that binds in which the entire delegation took part.

Invocation was given by Rev. Lo-baugh, pastor of the Presbyterian church. The meeting was then turned over to H. E. Witham, manager of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, who asked that all officers and members of the Board of Directors come to the platform. Mr. Witham thanked the membership for the help and cooperation he had received since taking over the work as general manager of the Jobbing Association.

H. E. Witham, Mgr.  
F. U. Jobbing Association.  
I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you that has given us their local support since I have been in charge of the Jobbing Association. You all know it would be impossible for us to make a good showing of this, one of the most important organizations of your association unless we could have your support. I certainly appreciate the support that has been given. I hope we will conduct the business in such a way that you will want to give us your support. We want your advice and counsel in everything. You must be a part in this organization. I am asking Mr. Brasted to make a few remarks.

C. E. Brasted was then introduced who spoke of the fine progress the Jobbing Association is making and predicted that in the annual meeting audit would show a more flourishing condition than ever in the history of the Association.  
C. E. Brasted, for F. U. Job. Ass'n.  
I have been a member of the Board of Directors of the Jobbing Association since its organization. I have had to make a good many apologies to the stockholders. I have had to make apologies to all of the members of the Farmers Union for it. I am glad this morning I can stand here and not make any apology and know there are no apologies needed under the present arrangement and present management.

I suppose the delegates in their state convention at Hays in 1913 thought they wanted something along the line of the Jobbing Association, then state officers to go ahead and organize that institution. They were quite a crowd of people up there and I imagine if you could have gotten the low down on what they were thinking about, what it would look like, and how it would operate when it was built, it would have been quite a picture. The first thing we did was start out and undertake to furnish our housewives with her pins and needles. A man wanted a threshing machine and we were going to give him that. But, we did not have any money. From time to time we have tried out in different ways. Finally, we have come down to a car lot proposition. Now we do not need the 100 per cent co-operation of you people in order to make a success. If you give us only 25 per cent, as well as you thought you would, we will be a wonderful success. If we could get 50 per cent, we will do better and so will you and if we can get 75 per cent, then we will be a force and you will all be a power of that business and if we can get 100 per cent co-operation from our managers and the people back of the country, it will be the biggest thing in Kansas City in a short time. Long ago I learned the lesson to be long on production and short on promises. I am not going to promise you people anything but while I adhere to that policy of being short on promises, I have not lost all of my modesty when it looks like a prediction. I am going to make you a prediction. Just as I am making this, I am making it. We have finally struck our stride. I expect some of you fellows have heard something like this before, but you never heard me say it. I am saying it to you this morning. We are going to pay you interest on your stock. What does that mean. That little money does not mean anything, but it means your business will be on a par.

Your stock will be par and the business is earning money and we are rendering a service. That is what it means. As your manager Mr. Witham said, it was the ambition to see that business that you people would want to come there to do business. He expressed a theory there. A principle that will do more to build up the business. Some of you who were in Kansas City to the Managerial meeting last June heard me say we must build our state-wide

institutions and conduct the business of those institutions in such a manner that the local business out in the country will want to come there with their business. It is just as necessary for you local managers and Board of Directors to conduct your local business in such a manner that your stockholders and neighbors will want to come and deal with you. Would rather than with anybody else. This is an age of trying to tie somebody up with a written contract. That is fine. I have no quarrel with it. Let's tie our products, made it a binding contract without any pen, ink, or salesmanship. By the conduct of our business let's make a contract with our brother so we do not have to have him sign on the dotted line. So we will go on and do our business through our own institutions. I am going to say to you this morning, it is the ambition of every member of the Board of Directors of the Jobbing Association and your manager, Mr. Witham, and all the force working together, to so take care of your business and be of such service to you people that you will come to us because you want to do business with us. Because you feel it is a privilege and it is profitable for you to do so. The only thing I am going to ask is this: that you just give us a fair and square deal. Do not send us a load of spoiled wheat and somebody else a load of good wheat and then Mr. Witham cannot get it for 40 or 50 more on the market for that poor grade does not kick him because he does not get as much as somebody else did for a good load of wheat. Just give us a fair trial. If you find that Mr. Witham cannot get the price you want, over and over get not give him your support. My prediction cannot come true unless we have the business. Unless we have a chance to make good. We are going to make good because those of you who are going to patronize the Jobbing Association. Now, you know, that is just one spoke in the wheel. Just one spoke in the wheel of our scheme of things. Whenever you recognize the Jobbing Association, you are not only helping them but you are helping the Creamery, the Live Stock Commission Company, the State Institution and the Insurance Company and the Bank. Whenever you send a load of wheat or corn or place your order for something you want with an old line company you are not only withholding that help from your own organization, but you are placing in the hands of the other fellow the machinery with which to fight us. I am making a prediction. We want you to come to the annual meeting and see for yourself. We are going to give you the finest report you have ever listened to. If this prediction of mine does not come true, it will be your fault.

Clifford Miller spoke of the opportunities of the Jobbing Association to branch out into different lines and be of assistance in that way to the membership over the state.  
Clifford Miller, F. U. Job. Ass'n.  
Farmers Union members: I have not much to say. The men who have preceded me in the last two days have said so many good things but, I will tell you, as Mr. Brasted has said, that I feel very encouraged over our Jobbing Association condition at the present time and I am glad I can feel as I do towards that institution and know the force it should be and hope it will be to the "farmers" of the state. Mr. Brasted spoke of the different spokes in our wheel in the Farmers Union of Kansas. Each spoke is a possibility and they depend on the Farmers Union membership more especially than they do on the Boards of Directors and the management. There are undeveloped possibilities. The Department of Merchandising is one in that wheel that has not been developed so far much. It has been developed more down this way than it has out in the northwest. There are large possibilities in that. There is in connection with our managers association in such a way it would be one of our biggest departments. There are many things we can do yet and there always will be. We will never reach the end of our possibilities. Whether it has any relationship with fact is a question.

The National City Bank of New York, for example, is responsible for the remark that if the farming industry is constantly underpaid, there is no escape from the conclusion that agriculture is overdone." In other words, the oracles of the National City Bank declare that the number of farmers and the amount of farm products they produce is solely responsible for the price of their products. It would be just as difficult if the National City Bank were to state that the price of gasoline is dependent upon the number of filling stations in a town. Under some conditions it might be but under the conditions of this country it is not.

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A decrease of two million in our farm population certainly hasn't made prices better. It is doubtful if a decrease of ten times that many would help make prices much better unless those who remain were properly organized. Surplus production has caused us some loss, and exploitation has caused us a good deal more—but there is no evidence that our farms are over-populated.

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## STOCK MARKET

### FARMERS UNION LIVE STOCK COMMISSION

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 10, 1927.  
The American Royal

If you come to Kansas City next week to see the show, please make our office your headquarters while here. You will enjoy the show, we will enjoy your visit and appreciate your call. We hope to see you next week, so do not forget to drop in and say "Hi, wdy," at least.

STEERS—Receipts light this week, good fat yearlings and heavy steers very scarce. Fat heavy steers about 15.50. Bulk of beef cattle selling at 14.00 to 14.50. Shortfaced coming in a little plainer than usual and bringing 10.50 up. Heavy grass cattle practically in. Fed yearlings active and a little stronger, with a new top of 17.00, bulk bringing 13.00 to 15.00, although shortfaced sell down as low as 10.50.

STOCKERS & FEEDERS—Market about steady, the more desirable whiteface yearlings bringing 10.00 to 10.50, lighter kinds in best demand; fair grades 9.00 to 9.50, plain 8.00 to 9.00. Shorthorn yearlings 8.75 to 9.25 for best and down to 7.00 for the poorest. Shortfaced very scarce, kind, unchanged, selling at 12.00 to 13.00 for choice and 9.50 to 11.00 for fair to good.

COWS, HEIFERS, MIXED YEARLINGS & BULLS—Fat cow and heifer market about steady with last week, although a few over and a few under. Choice heavy fat cows sell up to 8.50, odd head around 9.00. Bulk of grass fat cows bring 6.50 to 7.50, fair kinds 6.00 to 6.50. Cutters 5.25 to 5.75, canners 5.00. Grass heifers and mixed active with 5.00. Grass heifers sell up to 10.00, bulk 8.00 to 8.50. The packers are again taking hold of the plainer kinds at 7.00 to 7.50 that were forced to sell as stockers last week at 6.75 to 7.00. Fed heifers sell up to 15.00, although most of them bring 10.50 to 12.00. Mixed yearlings 25 higher for the week. Stock cows and heifers fully steady; whiteface cows 6.25 to 6.75, reds 5.75 to 6.25. Heifers of same quality about one dollar for the week.

CALVES—Veals \$1.00 higher for the week, top today 13.00. Medium weight and heavy killers 50 higher, selling at 9.00 to 10.00 for the better kinds and 7.00 to 8.50 for plainer grades. Stock calf market unchanged, although trading has slowed up a little the last two days.

HOGS—Lower markets. Trading today was slow and uneven; fewer early sales to shippers 10 to 15 lower, later trading dull, mostly 25 to 35 lower, lighter weights of most. Top 9.50 to 10.00, 100s to 240s, 9.00 to 9.50, 250s to 300s 9.15 to 9.35. Packing sows mostly 7.00 to 7.85, few up to 8.25. Stock pigs 8.00 to 9.25. Stears 7.00 to 8.00.

SHEEP & LAMBS—Pretty good market all week till today, when lambs sold 15 to 20 lower, top 18.50, 100s to 13.65 to 13.75, most natives downward from 13.50. Choice yearlings 11.25, Top ewes 6.25.

### FARMERS UNION LIVE STOCK COMMISSION

FORCING MEN OFF THE FARM CURES NOTHING

Gradually and persistently the press-agents of big business are circulating the notion that there are too many farmers in America. They are trying to put across the idea that a plethora of soil-tillers is the main, chief and almost exclusive cause of our agricultural tummy-ache.

This new theory is a good one—if they can get the public to believe it. It ought to digest a good deal better than the direct arguments that they used to use against farm relief—particularly in view of the fact that most of their direct arguments were flops. The new theory, I repeat, is a good one in the point of view of big business. Whether it has any relationship with fact is a question.

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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.

### ALLEN COUNTY

FAIRLAWN LOCAL NO. 2158  
Meets the second and fourth Monday of each month. Glen Thompson, Sec.

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Meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. H. V. Adams, Sec.

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Meets the second and fourth Friday of each month. Ray Wilson, Sec.

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Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Mrs. M. A. Fender, Sec.

DIAMOND LOCAL NO. 2081  
Meets the second and fourth Friday of each month. Mrs. R. C. Parish, Sec.

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Meets the first and third Tuesday of each month. Mrs. Jno. Page, Sec.

FAIRVIEW LOCAL NO. 2154  
Meets the first and third Wednesday nights of each month. Mrs. Chas. L. Stewart, Sec.

ANDERSON COUNTY  
LITZOW LOCAL NO. 2153  
Meets every second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Mrs. A. W. Williams, Sec.

CHASSE COUNTY  
COTTONWOOD VALLEY LOCAL NO. 1833  
Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. L. K. Graham, Sec.

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Meets the first and third of each month. C. A. Atkinson, Secretary.

OWSLEY LOCAL NO. 2004  
Meets first and third Thursday of each month. Joe Farmer, Sec.

CLAY COUNTY  
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Meets the first and third of each month. G. W. Tomlinson, Sec.

COFFEY COUNTY  
SUNNYSIDE LOCAL NO. 2114  
Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Mrs. H. B. Lusk, Sec.

DOUGLAS COUNTY  
CARGY LOCAL NO. 2139  
Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. R. E. Tutcher, Sec.

### FRANKLIN LOCAL NO. 1522

Meets the first Friday of each month. Mrs. Frank Topping, Sec.

ELLSWORTH COUNTY  
ADVANCE LOCAL NO. 1831  
Meets on the first Monday of each month. F. F. Svoboda, Sec.

LIBERTY LOCAL NO. 935  
Meets every first and third Monday of each month. Ed Mos. Sec.

TRIVOLI LOCAL NO. 1001  
Meets the first Monday in each month, alternating Pleasant Hill at 7:30 in the evening with Hays Court House at 2:00 in the afternoon. Frank B. Pfeiffer, Sec.

ELLS COUNTY  
HAYS LOCAL NO. 864  
Meets the first Friday in each month, alternating Pleasant Hill at 7:30 in the evening with Hays Court House at 2:00 in the afternoon. Frank B. Pfeiffer, Sec.

EXCELSIOR LOCAL NO. 606  
Meets the first and third Monday of each month. Joseph N. L. Weber, Sec.

PLEASANT VALLEY LOCAL NO. 1894  
Meets the first and third Monday of each month. Frank Reimsey, Sec.

GREENWOOD COUNTY  
NEAL LOCAL NO. 1313  
Meets the second and fourth Friday of each month. C. J. Gales, Sec.

SOUTHERN VERDIGIS LOCAL 1498  
Meets every second Friday night. H. L. Soule, Sec.

GOVE COUNTY  
PARK LOCAL NO. 90  
Meets the last Saturday of each month. Jas. Hein, Sec.

JEWELL COUNTY  
PLEASANT VALLEY LOCAL NO. 1894  
Meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. Wm. T. Flinn, Sec.

JOHNSON COUNTY  
SHARON LOCAL NO. 1714  
Meets the last Friday evening of each month. Mrs. Gussie K. DeVault, Sec.

LYNN COUNTY  
BUCKEYE LOCAL NO. 2073  
Meets the first Wednesday night of each month. Roy Edmonds, Sec.

### MARSHALL COUNTY

SUMMIT LOCAL NO. 869  
Meets 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. 751  
Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Chas. Muhl, Sec.

MITCHELL COUNTY  
PLUM CREEK LOCAL NO. 460  
Meets the first Friday of each month at Plum Creek school house. F. A. W. H. Fleming, Sec.

OTTAWA COUNTY  
SAND CREEK LOCAL NO. 462  
Meets the second and last Friday of the month. Walter Lott, Sec.

GROVER LOCAL NO. 108  
Meets every other Wednesday night. Anna Bremerman, Sec.

RILEY COUNTY  
ROCK ISLAND LOCAL NO. 1129  
Meets the first Tuesday evening of the month. Geo. Trump, Sec.

OSAGE COUNTY  
OSAGE VIEW LOCAL NO. 1314  
Meets on Friday night every two weeks. Esther Sherman, Sec.

RUSH COUNTY  
SAND CREEK LOCAL NO. 804  
Meets the first and third Friday of each month. C. J. Gales, Sec.

SMITH COUNTY  
OAK CREEK NO. 1185  
Meets at Stuart on the second Monday of each month. H. J. Schwarz, Sec.

STAFFORD COUNTY  
UNION LOCAL NO. 900  
Meets the second and fourth Friday of each month. J. W. Bachman, Sec.

TRENT COUNTY  
VODA LOCAL NO. 742  
Meets the fourth Friday in every month. Alfred Reimsey, Sec.

WABAUSSIE COUNTY  
PREEMONT LOCAL NO. 2014  
Meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. A. W. Eisenmenger, Sec.

WABAUSSIE COUNTY  
HERNIMAN LOCAL NO. 1421  
Meets the first and third Tuesday of each month. Henry Eden, Sec.

## NEWS FROM THE LOCALS

### REPORT OF F. U. J. A. FIELD MAN

I am not in a position to report to you in general as Mr. A. M. Kinney has. There are several excuses, the first reason I cannot use my pen, another I do not believe it would be practical to advertise our consignments of wheat which is so hard to get for the Jobbing Association. The members well as dues paying members and therefore if by chance a grain solicitor eyes come in contact with a Union paper he is sure to scan the lines and items for information which would be very valuable if I give a report in general on our consignments. But I will now give you a report on a Farmers Union local meeting at Rose Valley No. 257, three miles north of Downs, November 8th. Mr. E. W. Runft, president; Theron Frost, secretary; and Mr. H. H. White, the elevator manager, early in the evening, who was looking for Mr. Gregory, Osborne county manager, whom had promised to ride out to the meeting. We waited at the hotel until nearly eight o'clock, and Mr. White suggested that we had better not wait any longer as Mr. White seemed to know that eats would be served. So Mr. White, Ole Davidson and myself headed for the meeting. We arrived and found a full house of men, women and children and this is a live local, something going all the time.

Mr. Runft called the meeting to order. Mr. Gregory, county manager, was to be there, to discuss the handling of machinery at Downs. Mr. Davidson and myself had a chance to explode but we had a hunch that we would be served and we did not take any more time than we thought necessary. The meeting then turned over to the ladies who had decided on a cipher contest which was very interesting. Mr. E. W. Runft being declared the winner and awarded a pie for the prize. Mr. White while on the floor was asked when he was called on cipher his choice of figures, and this did not make much difference to him but we could tell he would rather have had doughnuts and coffee. Then came the eats, and more discussion about the machinery. I want to say if more locals were attended as Local No. 257 we would have a much larger membership in the state of Kansas. At a late hour the meeting was adjourned until next meeting which is every two weeks, the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

I want to ask that all who read this, to take upon yourselves the responsibility of making your local meetings a place worth while.

C. S. Neeley.

### APPRECIATION OF ANDERSON CO

Dear State President, C. E. Huff—We, the members of the Farmers Union in Anderson county here assembled at our regular county meeting, want to say to you how our hearts throb with joy and satisfaction to know and realize that we have such strong and fearless leaders for president and vice president as yourself and E. L. Bulard. It is always a pleasure to work with and with those whom you love. Therefore we, the members of the Farmers Union in Anderson county, pledge ourselves to be more loyal and that we will try to build up our various locals and place them on that higher plane that that dear Uncle Sam always stood for and that we know you both stand for.

Words cannot express our appreciation and satisfaction of knowing you handle the wheel that will guide us to success and victory in the great work of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America.

From all the members of the Farmers Union in Anderson County.  
John T. Anderson, Committee.  
Weiss Griffith, Pres.  
J. O. Glasgow, Sec'y-Treas.

### MEETING OF TREGO CO. LOCAL

Friday evening, Nov. 4, at near 8 o'clock, the members of Farmers Union Local 753 with their families gathered at the Farmers school house for a local meeting. The meeting was called to order by Pres. T. M. Turman, the minutes of the last meeting were read by Sec. C. L. Maicy. First on the program was the report of the state convention, recently held at Ottawa, given by the chosen delegate, C. L. Folkers. Mr. Folkers came back with a good report, telling it to his audience in a very interesting manner. Next the Misses Bonita and Nellie Phares favored us with a couple of songs. The minutes of the last meeting were then read. Mr. Folkers then called upon to take the floor. He chose for his subject, "The value of our local and state organization" giving some very interesting facts. R. T. Schofield and W. C. Moore each talked to us for a few minutes giving us something worthwhile. There was then a discussion in regard to the Ladies Auxiliary. A committee of three was appointed by the president. Those appointed were: Mrs. R. H. Trudgeon, Mrs. Herman Folkers, and Mrs. T. M. Turman. This committee was to report at the next meeting. The motion was made for adjournment. The evening was then turned over to the ladies who served all cafeteria style with sandwiches, pickles, cake and coffee. The next meeting will be a social at the regular place of meeting, Friday evening, Dec. 2. Officers will be elected at this meeting.

Mrs. H. E. Whiler, Social Correspondent.

### STAFFORD COUNTY NOTES

Stafford Co. Farmers Union held a monthly meeting at Odd Fellows Hall in St. John Nov. 1. The meeting was in charge of Co. Pres. Ward J. Spencer.

The Stafford stock show was discussed, as the locals had agricultural displays competing for prizes. Liberty winning first, North Star second and Union third, and Livingston fourth. Walter Gillespie gave a good report on the concession operated by the Union at the stock show. Our annual Booster trip was planned and a committee appointed to fix the dates and arrange the programs. The dates as follows: Valley Center, Nov. 18. North Star, Nov. 25. New Hope, Dec. 2. Livingston, Dec. 9. Liberty, Dec. 16. Union, Dec. 20. A report of the state convention by the county delegate Roy Waters, will be given at these meetings.

### ANOTHER 100% LOCAL

This report makes our local 100% for 1927. Please put our notice in the paper. We meet every second and fourth Wednesday night. We had the Anderson County meeting last Saturday the 6th. A bountiful basket dinner. Although we failed to get a county president give us credit for having the greatest