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M'KELVIE TO SPEAK AT JOBBING ASS'N

Ex-Governor McKelvie, Member of Farm Board, Will Speak At the Masonic Temple, Salina, on Friday, May 1st, at Eleven o'Clock

SALINA, May 21st. — S. R. McKelvie will speak at the special Stockholders' meeting of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, called for the purpose of amending its by-laws, in order to more fully conform to the

Capper-Volstead law.

This meeting will be an open meeting. We hope everyone in the Salina territory will get out to hear Mr.

McKelvie.

Mr. McKelvie has been a member of the Farm Board for the past two years, and will be able to give us important the state of the past two years. portant information regarding the policies and program of the Federal Farm Board. He is a splendid speak-er and everyone will enjoy listening

City, to be known as the Ness County the farm act was outspoken for legis-Farmers Union Livestock Shipping lation for farm equality. If any good association. The officers of the new for agriculture can be gotten out of the Federal Farm Marketing Act, Sam the Farmers Union Creamery and Thompson will get it.

stock Commission company at Kansas City whenever the several members have enough to put together to make a shipment. The officers and members of the new association urge all who consume. The saturation point in conare interested in co-operative market- sumption has never been reached. We ing of livestock to get in touch with the management of the association and take advantage of the opportunity pressure statisticians we haven't a

The organization of the Ness County Farmers Union Shipping association was completed at a meeting held rises and at the Farmers Union Cream station Tuesday afternoon at Ness City. A representative of the Farmers Union Livestock Commission company, at Kansas City Was present at the meeting—Ness County News.

THAT'S THE QUESTION From the Florida Times-Union.
"You seem to be debating with "You seem to be debating with yourself some big weighty problem."

"I am. I am wondering if it is time the ory of over-production. Still otherwite the take off my beauty wide with the ory of over-production. vet to take off my heavy underwear."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend ou, thanks for the beautiful floral offerings, the kind words of sympathy and the thoughtful acts during our be revement, occasioned by the death of our loving husband and father.

Mrs. C. C. Kilian Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kilian Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hill Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Shauble.

CURE FARM ILLS

Good Home Market Is Worth More Than All Foreign Markets Put Together, Says Uncle Andy

Radio Talk By Andrew Shearer, Over WIBW, Topeka, April 14th

Do not miss this opportunity of getting first-hand information about the Agricultural Marketing Act and the Federal Farm Board.

I am making this talk under orders from Ralph Snyder to make clear and finish up statements in notes published in Kansas Bureau Farmer.

FARMERS UNION HAS NEW
SHIPPING ASSOCIATION

A co-operative livestock shipping association has been organized in Ness City, to be known as the Ness County the farm act was outspoken for legis-

Thompson will get it.

We are living in strenuous times. Not only farmers but pretty much everybody else is in trouble over low prices, dull trade, shortage of jobs, scarce money and general distress. Over and against this situation we have charge of receiving marking and handling all livestock which the members of the association may have to ship at different times. Livestock will be shipped to the Farmers Union Livestock Commission company at Kansas

It is clear as a people we are not nearly consuming up to capacity. fact no one knows our capacity

Many writers seem to think the sun rises and sets in the New York Stock Exchange and speak of the country being "on a spree" and suffering now for past excessive prosperity. Outside of Wall Street there has been no particular prosperity. In fact, across ticular prosperity. In fact agriculture and lines of business depending on it have been having a hard time ever since the violent deflation of 1920 and 1921. If Wall Street rules (continued on page 4)

WHO'S AFRAID?

There's a feller in the city, With a brain like mustard seed; And he sings a little ditty. "How the farmer can succeed." He should patronize the traders Who were never known to cheat, Though they sometimes act as raiders To depress the price of wheat.

O, this feller is a dandy When it comes to spreading bull, For disguised as taffy candy, It goes out in shovels full; And he tells the simple granger Who dislikes the Board of Trade, That he surely is a stranger
To this thing the Gods have made.

By its help the speculator And the gamblers get their dough; It is the accelerator

Keeping markets on the go; He is sure this institution Is the best you've ever seen; Sacred as the Constitution. Though it strips the farmer clean.

And he thinks Cooperation Is all right in some small town; But in state wide operation It will throw the farmer down. Then he says, "That it is certain
To build a gigantic trust
Which some crook behind the curtain

Will proceed to calmly bust.

It may be that we should worry; But somehow it seems to me, That this feller's in a flurry, Scared he'll lose his broker's fee; For with farmers all united In this trust he talks about, He has room to be excited, For they'll kick the gamblers out. A. M. Kinney.

A Year or Two Before the Agricultural Marketing Act Was Passed, the American Association Creamery Butter Manufacturers held a Meeting in Chicago and Raised Several Million Dollars to Fight Cooperative Marketing

W. F. Jensen, Secretary-Manager of the American Association of Creamery Butter manufacturers, has been very much worked up over the Agricultural Marketing Act and the Farm Board program, since it started to function: He has been sending out bulletins over his signature, opposing the Act. In his latest, dated April 15th, he says:

The Federal Farm Board, created under the Farm Relief Act, has not been successful in giving help to the farmer and farm commodities are very much depressed in price and the position of the farmer at the present time, is tragic in the extreme.

"Recent developments can be taken as proving that the Farm Board realizes some very great mistakes have been made in the policy that resulted in piling up vast stores of wheat and cotton, in stabilization projects.

Seemingly, the Farm Board is turning from that, to what is claimed as another purpose in the Agricultural Marketing Act, namely, the promotion of farm cooperatives."

This last statement of Mr. Jensen's of the Farm Board turning from the stabilization operation to the promotion of farm cooperatives, either shows that he is very ignorant of the intention of the Agricultural Marketing Act, or that he is intentionally trying to deceive.

The title of the Act itself, proves that the thing Congress intended to do was to promote the establishment of Farmers' cooperative marketing institutions. We quote (H. R. No. 1):

"An act to establish a Federal Farm Board, to promote effective merchandising of agricultural commodities, in inter-state and foreign commerce, and to place Agriculture on a basis of economic equality with other industries."

DECLARATION OF POLICY

Section 1. (a) That it is hereby declared to be the policy of Congress to promote the effective merchandising of agricultural commodities in interstate and foreign commerce, so that the industry of agriculture will be placed on a basis of economic equality with other industries, and to that end to protect, control, and stabilize the currents of interstate and foreign commerce in the marketing of agricultural commodities and

their food products-(1) by minimizing speculation.

(2) by preventing inefficient and wasteful methods of distribution.

(3) by encouraging the organization of producers into effective associations or corporations under their own control for greater unity of effort in marketing and by promoting the establishment and financing of a farm marketing system of producer-owned and producer-controlled cooperative associations and other agencies.

The fact that Mr. Jensen calls this Agricultural Marketing Act a Farm Relief law, show to market their livestock at the least possible cost. It is interesting to note that those who marketed co-operatives ly through the Farmers Union firm at Kansas City last year received patronage dividends amounting to 20 per cent of their commission expenses. In other words, they paid 80 cents whereas those who did not co-operate paid \$1 for marketing.

The organization of the Ness Countainty to market their livestock at the least possible consumption. If our industrious citizens had all the necessities and comforts of life that they are fairly entitled to, there would be that they are fairly entitled to, there would be relief measure, except so far as the stabilization operations of this act. It was not intended as a on its face, that he is woefully ignorant of the intentions of this act. It was not intended as a on its face, that he is woefully ignorant of the intentions of this act. It was not intended as a on its face, that he is woefully ignorant of the intentions of this act. It was not intended as a on its face, that he is woefully ignorant of the intentions of this act. It was not intended as a on its face, that he is woefully ignorant of the intentions of this act. It was not intended as a on its face, that he is woefully ignorant of the intentions of this act. It was not intended as a on its face, that he is woefully ignorant of the intentions of this act. It was not intended as a on its face, that he is woefully ignorant of the intentions of this act. It was not intentions of this act. It was not intentions of this act. It was not intentions of the intentions of this act. It was not intentions of the intention

stabilization operation to the farmer from the Agricultural Marketing Act, would be the build-leaders, that the real help to the farmer from the Agricultural Marketing agencies.

Probably, the main reason for this latest attack of Mr. Jensen's, on the Agricultural Marketing Act and the Farm Board, is the establishment of the new regional sales agency, to handle dairy and creamery products.

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of which Mr. Jensen is Secretary-Manager, has always been a bitter foe to farmers' cooperatives. It is to be expected that Mr. Jensen will oppose any action of the Farm Board, in helping to set up cooperative creamery and dairy projects. The dairy and creamery business has probably been instrumental in the making of more

millionaires, than any other line of business in the country, and, naturally, any kind of a proposition which would return the profit from this business to the farmer, would not appeal to Mr. Jensen or to the company which he represents.

Mr. Jensen, in his bulletin, publishes a resolution which will be submitted to the annual meeting of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, which meets in Atlantic City, New Jersey, April 28th. The resolution follows:

"WHEREAS, The Chamber of Commerce of the United States is definitely on record against the government engaging in any and all business in competition with private citizens;

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the officers and directors of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States are hereby instructed to organize and lead the business interests of the country in an aggrressive and continuous campaign, national in character, against the government entering business in competition with its citizens."

Mr. Jensen concludes his bulletin with this advice: "My advice is to make friends within, in order to combat the dark forces from

without. These dark forces of which Mr. Jensen is so scared, are the farmers trying to establish their own concerns, in order that they may save some of the profit, which Mr. Jensen and his friends, the old line creameries, have been pocketing for years.—A. M. KINNEY.

BIG FIGHT AHEAD FOR KANSAS GRANGE

The Grange in Kansas has tackled a big job in lining up strongly for a state income tax, and a great victory has been won in securing the passage, by the legislature, of a bill which will submit to the people at the next election an income tax amendment, whose passage is believed will point the way to genuine tax relief in Kansas.

This victory was made possible through the concerted action of farm organizations of the state, in which the State Grange is a very active fac-tor. This group is known as the Com-mittee Kansas Farm Organizations and embraces a dozen farm and rural bodies, who pool their interests and go after legislation in dead earnest. Permanent offices are maintained at

in session and a regular corps of of-ficers direct the affairs of the joint The income tax amendment lost out The income tax amendment lost out at the polls in Kansas last fall, though it polled more votes than the governor, who was elected; and its proponents believe that much more favorable results can be obtained at the polls next fall. The full strength of the farm group will be put behind the income tax project and the Grange will be very following a similar Grange stand in several other states in recent years. Grange Bulletin

Topeka all the time the legslature s

The Wheat Advisory Committee, meeting in Chicago April 7-8, 1931, endorsed efforts of the Federal Farm Board in helping to cope with the wheat surplus problem called upon all producers to converte in curtailing. producers to cooperate in curtailing production and controlling the flow of wheat to market. Resolutions adopted by the Committee have just been filled with the Board.

Referring to the recent announcement that wheat stabilization purchases will not be made from the 1931 crop, the Committee said, "We realize the impracticability of the continued control of a surplus year after year by the Grain Stabilization Corporation without an effort on the part of the without an effort on the part of the producers toward production control."

"The present indications," the resolutions continued, "are that with an average wheat crop this year prices obtainable will be far below the cost

poration, its stockholder members, the have an operation.

WHEAT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ENDORSES FARM BOARD the reduction of wheat acreage, but also for the limitation and control of the marketing of the 1931 crop.

F. U. LIVESTOCK TO BROADCAST OVER WIBW APRIL 24

George Hobbs, Manager Farmers Union Livestock Commission Company, at Kansas City, will have charge of the program which his firm will broadcast over WIBW, Topeka, at eight o'clock on Friday night, Ap-

This is the regular broadcast of the weekly Farmers Union Hour which is heard from that station each Friday night at eight o'clock.

HE WINS

Mabel: My big sister's got two doc-Harold: Huh! Mine's got two law-

Mabel: My big sister's going to

Harold: That's nothing. Mine's go tions and all other wheat producers ing to have a separation. Pas

NEW FARMERS UNION SONG BOOK

Copy for our new Farmers Union song book is in the hands of the printer and will be out sometime in the near future.

This new book will contain a few

This new book will contain a few of the old songs and a lot of new ones. These songs will all be set to music, the most of them to popular tunes. There will be about sixty pages in this book.

This book will be priced at thirty cents each, single copy, postpaid Or, in dozen lots, \$3.00 per dozen.

Every local should have some of these song books, as this book will be up to date. The songs are timely and will illustrate conditions confronting agriculture at the presconfronting agriculture at the present time.

Send in your orders at once for these books, to State Headquarters at Salina. They will be filled as soon as the book is off the press.

CHAIRMAN STONE

Excerpts from Conferences of Mr. Stone With Representatives of the Press In Washington, D. C., April 6th and 9th, 1931

Says the Farmers National Grain Has a Splendid Business Organization

Q. Did you see this article, Mr. Stone? (Mr. Raskob, Chairman, Democratic Committee). That's the Democratic party going on record, talking about the Farm Board that way.

A. I don't think that's anything that has not already appeared in the Shrine at Salina.

Mr. Kilian joined the Lutheran Resource in Indiana. He was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Masonic Lodge in Green, the Knight. Templars in Clay Center, and the Isis Temple Shrine at Salina. Q. Did you see this article, Mr. Stone? (Mr. Raskob, Chairman, Democratic Committee). That's the Democratic party going on record, talking about the Farm Board that way.

Q. Is there anything new in the movement to organize these fruit and vegetable marketing agencies?

day. He had a pretty good sized group there. Everything seemed very har-

Q. There will be those other two meetings?

A. Yes, before there is anything definite decided. One in St. Louis to-day and Washington, Wednesday, each

one of those three group meetings to appoint an organization committee to meet afterwards and see just what

A. Their annual meetings are tomor-

row in Chicago. Q. Does the Board have a member at those meetings?

A. Mr. McKelvie is in Chicago this last Thursday. April 16, by the Reverend Homer Worten.

enlightening, for instance, to take the such a man. enlightening, for instance, to take volume of business that they have done in relation to volume of business Salina, were closed the day of the fu(continued on page 2)

Was Elected President Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Companies in January, 1930

Mr. Kilian was One of the Farmers Union's Most Active Workers and Organizers

Christopher C. Kilian was born in Elkhart County, Indiana, April 9, 1860 and departed this life at his home in Green, Kansas, on Monday, April 13, 1931 at the age of seventy one

years and four days.

Mr. Kilian came to Kansas in 1885 Mr. Kilian came to Kansus in 1885 and the same year married Catherine Heimerich, whom he had known in Indiana prior to the time he came to Kansas. Besides his widow, the immediate family consists of three children, Dan Kilian of Clay Center, Mrs. Grace Hill of 223 E. 26th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and Mrs. Martha

Grace Hill of 223 E. 26th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and Mrs. Martha Shauble of Selden, Kansas; eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild, one brother and one sister.

At the time of the opening of the "strip" in Oklahoma in 1893, Mr. Kiliam made the run with thousands of others and secured a claim near Deer Creek in Grant County, Oklahoma. After five years there, Mr. and Mrs. Kilian returned to the community of Green to reside. Thirteen years ago they retired from their farming activities and moved to Green, where they were living at the time of Mr. Kilian's death.

Mr. Kilian joined the Lutheran Reformed Church when he was a young

Many years ago he joined the Farmers Union and from the time he joined until his death, was one of the vegetable marketing agencies?

A. Yes. Mr. Teague had a meeting down in Jacksonville, Florida, Saturday. He had a pretty good sized group tual Insurance Companies in January, 1920, Vice-President of the Companies in 1926, and President in 1930. His work with the Farmers Union, and the

insurance companies in particular was extraordinary and outstanding. He wrote more insurance during the pe-riod from 1920 to 1930 than any other Mr. Kilian was one of the organizers and President of the First National Bank of Green, and had held many can be done.
Q. Are the Farmers National Grain
Corporation and the Stabilization Corporation holding their annual meether and bedding their annual meether a ing of his community, and forty six years ago he helped in the erection of the Methodist Church in Green, from which place his funeral was conducted

veek.

Q. Now that the stabilization work standing and few, and we will miss

SPRING MEETING OF THE FARMERS UNION MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

Coates House, Kansas City, Missouri, May 27th and 28th, 1931

May 27th 1:00 P. M. Meeting called to order by Pres. C. B. Thowe. Reading of the minutes of previous meeting. Appointment of committees. Report of C. B. Thowe.

Address by A. W. Ricker, St. Paul, Minn. Subject-Program of The Farmers Nat'l. Grain Cor-

Discussion-H. E. Witham, Kansas City, Mo. A. M. Kinney, Salina, Kansas. 3:30 P. M. Address by C. A. Ward, Pres. Kansas Farmers Union.

Subject-Co-operation. 3:45 P. M. Address by Harry Neath, Kansas City, Mo. Subject-Elevator Loans.

4:15 P. M. Address by H. E. Witham Subject—Terminal Elevator. Discussion-Clifford Miller, Brewster, Kans., C. E. Elder, Beloit, Kans., and C. A. Clark, Girard, Kans.

Adjournment. 9:00 A. M. Meeting called to order.

Report of Committees. Address by H. A. Cowden, President Union Oil Co. Discussion-Mr. Kamp, Grainfield, Kans., John Fangel, Lincolnville, Kans., Thos. Ramsay, Ottawa, Kans.,

and Others. 10:00 A. M. Address by L. J. Walsh, Washburn Crosby Co.

Subject-Merchandising Feeds.

10:30 A. M. Address by W. G. Swanson, San Francisco, Cal. Subject-Co-operative Fruit Marketing. 10:45 A. M. Address by Geo. M. Peet, Madison, Kans.

Subject-Merchandising UNION GOLD products in the Farmers Union Store. 11:00 A. M. Address by A. W. Seamans, Farmers Union Creamery,

Kansas City, Mo. 11:15 A. M. Address by Sam, H. Ray, Success Mills, Inc., Kansas City Mo. 11:45 A. M. Address by A. M. Kinney, Salina, Kans.

Subject-What The Farmers Union Managers Ass'n Means To Me. Adjournment.

2:30 P. M. Ball Game at Fairmount Park. 6:00 P. M. Banquet at Fairmount Park.

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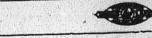
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C. B. Thowe. T. C. Belden.

SALINA, KANSAS, THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1931



FARMERS UNION MANAGERS' ASSOCIATION

We wish to call attention to the program on the front page, of the eighth annual spring meeting of the Farmers Union Managers' association. This meeting will be held in Kansas City May 27th and 28th, at the Coates House.

Everyone who has attended these meetings in the past, know that they are wonderful meetings. No other organization in Kansas has done as much to build up our state-wide business institutions, as this organization. And at the same time, it has been a wonderful benefit to the local business Institutions. The meeting in Kansas City this year will undoubtedly prove to be the

best one which has been held. They have a splendid program arranged and we hope every Farmers Union manager, director, and member, who can possibly attend this meeting, will do so.

The last afternoon there will be a picnic at Fairmount Park, with banquet at night, and a ball game in the afternoon, between the managers and the office forces in Kansas City. We hope that the managers will not allow themselves to be defeated, this year.

LEGISLATION AND AGRICULTURE

"Isn't it barely possible," the Iola Register asks, "that if agriculture had been left alone it would have adjusted itself? Everything else," the Register thinks, "has been tried. Why not try the let-alone medicine for a while?"

We don't know that whatever has been tried to raise agriculture out of the ditch has at all prevented farmers from adjusting themselves, or has interfered with any individual measures they might adopt if let alone to work out their salvation.

Agriculture certainly is not at this time an attractive business, though the oldest in the world. Lands have pretty steadily gone down in price and are a drug on the market. Undoubtedly legislation has aided farmers in cooperative marketing, which may pull agriculture out. We think legislation has helped agriculture also by creating cooperative borrowing through Federal Farm Loan Banks. Uncle Sam supplied the original capital, but is now out of it, the capital being supplied by the co-operative associations. The notion that legislation always works harm is a common one, but not very intelligent. If correct, it would imply abolition of government at the earliest practicable moment.

FORD'S PROFIT AND DETROIT'S LOSS

Auto Magnate Clears \$55,000,000 in a Year of Depression While the City Cares for His Out-of-Work Employes

The Ford Motor Company, which is Henry Ford, cleared \$55,000,000 net profits in 1930.

When a man makes such gains in a year of depression and disaster, it work. Countless families have been supported in part by charity. Hunger thus putting these money lords in the minority, both in economic structure has been stalking through the land—between warehouses bulging with food and politics. This national group should see the picture of the entire

which the hungry cannot buy. In addition to all his previous profits, in addition to a fortune of not less than a billion dollars, Mr. Ford cleared fifty-five millions in a year when armies of his countrymen did not get enough to eat. What part of his money did he spend to relieve the distress of his fellows?

None of it! In proportion to population, Detroit is the unemployment capital of America. Ford has helped to make it so; for he closes plants with utter disregard of the welfare of his employes. The city is caring for 45,000 famdisregard of the wellar of unattached individuals; and 36 per cent of all and promoted by this type of men. Our state institutions, and dozens of who apply for relief are laid-off Ford workers.

Ford does not pay local taxes. His plants are located outside the city limits, where the municipal authorities cannot levy on them; but his workers goal should be only honest, responsible, trustworthy men at the heads of live in the city, where the municipal authorities care for them. In this time of unexampled distress, Henry Ford has saddled the city with the upkeep beneficial but not perfect. The weak places will be strengthened because

of his working force. the relief committee of Detroit a check for \$125,000. W. G. Bergman, while program of helpfulness to the farmer himself, which is fundamental. the relief committee of process that the city has spent \$8,000,000 to save Ford And if we should fail to carry out the purposes and principles of our orworkers from starvation. The Ford family's contribution is about 1.5 per ganization, our own purposes have been defeated, and the farmer is the cent of this sum—and less than a quarter of one per cent of Ford's 1930 victim.

And to add insult to injury, while the city to which he pays no taxes takes care of his deserted hungry workers, Henry Ford suns himself in Florida, and says that the "average man" won't work unless he has to! The American people once had a warm liking for Henry Ford. They are fast losing it. In the cold light of a starvation winter, he shows as

hard and callous and stupid as any other "captain of industry." Perhaps there was more philosophy than we dreamed in a famous man's gibe that "God shows what He thinks of money by the kind of men He

gives it to."-Labor.

ABOLISHING THE DIRECT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

Tax reform in states that have made progress in this difficult matter roceeds by slow stages. It is a progressive movement. One change is soon followed by another logically growing out of the first, and so the question arises as to what the outcome is to be, or what goal is actually aimed for.

state tax progress. It has a comparatively diversified system and has gone and last year was elevated to the office of President, following the death of a long way from the simplicity of "uniform and equal" assessments of Mr. Brasted. It has certainly been a pleasure to have known him and to property. It raises every year upwards of 60 million dollars from its in- work with him. He was a man that any person could be proud to call friend. come tax alone.

In the present movement to abolish all assessment of personal property in New York state the New York World reports that "the list of civic as- CHAIRMAN STONE sociations which have indorsed the proposal is impressive, and their action will be supported by the mayor's committee on tax revision." Of the direct personal property tax, or what remains of it in New York, the World Yankton, South Dakota remarks that "it is the vermiform appendix of the state's revenue system, and the sooner it is excised the better." Besides its inequities, poor administration and high cost of collection the World challenges it as "conducive to perjury and to general disrespect of the government."

The President's Column

By CAL. A. WARD

PESSIMISM VERSUS OPTIMISM: The present situation of depression hat finds itself prevalent in all sections of the country has and is developing essimists at an unusual rapid rate. A pessimist never did, nor never will, selve our problems. We need men of vision; and men of action. A great deal of stress has been laid on the fact that optimism will create and advance the proper psychology that will start us on the upward trend. This is only partly true. We have arrived at the point where men must take action and do things, and one of the conditions we find today is that there are large groups who are in a state of lethargy and discouragement and have thrown up their hands in despair. We must go forward.

HISTORY and FACTS: The last several years has brought forth some nteresting though discouraging histor y. The world and especially our nation s all out of economic joint. Selfishness and greed have entered in and groups and classes of society do not sustain a rightful relationship one with the other. This fact has been forcefully brought to the door of agriculture. volumns of figures have been compiled by statisticians, and economists are revealing the facts of times past. This is necessary that a proper analysis gent farm organization you will be of the situation may be arrived at. But this is not enough.

ACTION IS REQUIRED: The thousands and millions of our commonwealth, and I speak especially to the farmers of the country now, are not satisfied with simply a revelation of past tragic conditions but are rightfully denanding of leadership everywhere that something be done about it. We need tens of thousands of men who are in leadership of affairs to immediately accept the challenge of the masses. We need men and not puppets. In all walks of leadership the crying need is men of action who will reflect the thinking of the masses everywhere into constructive channels that will bring us better times. If we are true and faithful to our constituents, we will brush aside petty differences, prejudices and personalities, and we will find ourselves working together in common defense of common interests. As National Wood Marketing Corporation an humble leader in a great farm organization, I have endeavored to arrive HAS EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING at this point. The distress of agriculture is so far-reaching that we dare not delay. Of special significance at this time, several

CONVENTIONS HAVE BEEN CALLED. Governor Woodring of Kansas has just issued a call to several of the governors of our sister states to They have been receiving meet in session at Wichita on May 19, to go deeply into the problem of agriculture in this section, and especially the wheat situation. It is hoped that this gathering will be void of political maneuverings, and that the agricultural question will be discussed on its merits from a standpoint of year than they had last year, showbringing real benefits to the farmer, and the working-out of constructive ing that there are many members plans that will look toward a solution. I am sure that worth-while progress will not be made unless the thinking of the farm organization groups is concentrated and incorporated into some proposed plan. The Kansas Farm Organization and Co-operatives are well organized and can be of definite elp, and their voice will be heard. The

KANSAS LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATION, through its officers has issued call to a meeting to be held at Emporia on April 24, to also wrestle with the distress farm problems. The prices the farmers of Kansas are receiving for their live stock do not properly reflect the price the consumer has to pay for the product and something should be done about it. Representatives of the farm board have been asked to be in attendance at this meeting, along with other agricultural leaders in Kansas and again it is hoped that those in attendance and control of the meeting will come with un-tractive of the producer of the produce prejudiced, open minds, and will adhere to the interests of the producer

rather than their own selfish inclinations. CORN BELT MEETING. A call has been issued to members of the Corn Belt Federation to meet at Des Moines, Iowa on May 5 and 6. The thought and thinking of the organized farmers of the middle west section of the country has found expression during the past several years through the Corn Belt Federation. The Federation took the initiative several years ago and demanded national legislation in the marketing of our farm commodities. We failed in the McNary-Haugen Bill, but the pressure was so keen, and the demands were so outstanding that the Agricultural Marketing Act was the result of these years of work. It is a national law, and is the first step, and only the beginning. We should take it, and possibly amend it to the extent that its application to our marketing program will be beneficial, not to those gigantic commodity gamblers and speculators who have exploited the farmers all of these years, but to the man at the cross-roads, "the man behind the plow". Those who expect to be in attendance at this meeting will do well to set their house in order and arrange their thinking, looking toward constructive ends. A note of warning is sounded to us farm leaders to attend this convention and keep uppermost in our thoughts and action, the tiller of the soil, the farmer himself.

UNITED STATES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONVENTION WILL soon assemble at Atlantic City, April 28. "Can any good come out of Nazareth?" Can any good to agriculture come from this convention? History of times past has been quite largely to the opposite. Money barons and captains of finance most usually settle down in the industrial east. The interests of the East are not the interests of the West and Middle West. A few money hoarders who are in a majority so far as wealth and politics are concerned, should see the "hand writing on the wall," because present trends is proper to ask what he does with them. Millions of people are out of are going to compel the masses of commonwealth to get closer together,

country rather than just the interests of the favorite few. HOME FOLKS. The Farmers Union of Kansas must accept the challenge and play its part in the saving of agriculture which in reality means the saving of the nation, as agriculture is basic and fundamental, and since the origin of our nation has been the stabilizing factor in an equitable economic structure. The Kansas Farmers Union needs scores of men of the courageous, constructive, fighting type, exemplified in John Tromble, Clarence Brasted and Clarence Huff. These men were and are outstanding, and our organization has at present a definite program being carried on our local co-operatives are headed by boards and managers who are taking their responsibilities religiously. This is as it should be, and our ultimate all of our local and business institutions. Our program is constructive and my contacts with the entire membership of the state tells me that we are He does not even give in so-called charity. His son, Edsel Ford, sent LOOKING FORWARD, and from the spirit of optimism will develop a worth-

The Insurance Corner By CHARLES A BROOM, Secretary

first contract was dated early in 1919, but he had been a leader in Farmers Union work in his own community for a number of years previous to that An illustration is the present campaign in New York state for abolish- time. He was elected to the Board of Directors in January, 1929, and served ment of the taxation of all personal property. New York is a leader in continuously since then. In January, 1926, he was elected Vice-President,

IS INTERVIEWED

(continued from page 1) done formerly. In wool, for istance, the largest amount of wool handled before the National Wool Marketing Corporation was formed was around 26 million pounds. Last year they handled approximately 120 million pounds. The largest volume of the cot-ton associations before the Farm Board was organized, I think was around one million bales. Last year the American Cotton Association whih is the sales organization for all short staple cotton associations, handled over two million bales. The Farmers National Grain Corporation will probably handle 125 million bushels of grain. That is the grain handled in the terminal markets as against the comparatively small quantities for merly handled cooperatively at ter-

minal markets. Of course there has been some grain handled by local units to the trade that did not come through the Farmers National. I think that's a fairer way to judge what the movement of the cooperative endeavor is in the country than al- ceipts of the Staple Cotton Associa-

more importance, hasn't it? A. The more members you have ooperative organizatons, of course, more men you can reach through that organization and it has always been my opinion that through intellithan you can otherwise. That was my experience with the Burley Associa-

Q. Is the Board making any great effort to get any new members? A. We are not making any efforts along that line at all. Active efforts are being made by the cooperatives themselves.

Q. Is there any development in ne gotiation between the Board and the season's clip A. You mean in relation to wool?

Q. Yes. A. That's been practically the Wool Marketing Corporation a very much larger amount of wool this

keting Corporation.
Q. They fixed the amount of advance-pre-shearing advances-themselves?

A. The pre-shearing advance was based, I think, upon a maximum of \$1.00 a fleece—from that down, according to quality of wool, location of wool, etc. It seems the location of where the sheep graze has quite a lot to do with the quality of wool.

Q. The millers won't be able to rely entirely on new wheat in July, will they? They will have to buy some

millers to mix old grain in with new grain as the season progresses. Q. Will any one represent the Farm Board at the annual meeting of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce in At-

lantic City? A. I received an invitation from them on Saturday and I think some of us will attend. Just who the members will be we have not decided, but

hope to go myself. Q. Have you noticed any changed ttitude on the part of the Chamber

A. I have not had any occasion to make any observations along that line. I have not come in contact with them so far since I have been Chairman of the Board, but there are many things, as far as the Chamber of Commerce is concerned, in which we are in accord. I think the buying policy of stabilization is largely a thing they are interested in. I have not discussed that, though, with any members of the

April 9, 1931. (Mr. Stone). Mr. Stone: I will have to apologize o you boys, but you will have to lame it on Ed Markham. He just told me a couple of minutes ago that you were waiting. I was busy and had overlooked the fact you all were here.

Q. Are the Wood Marketing Corporation directors here today?

A. No. Q. I mean the Wool Advisory Com-A. They were here yesterday. The National Wood Marketing Corporation is holding its annual meeting in Chi-

Q. Dd you read Mr. Murray's A. Yes, I read that in last night's

Q. Anything to say about it?
A. Not a thing. He has a right to his pinions as well as anybody else.
Q. What did this Wool Advisory

A. I haven't heard the result that conference. I wasn't in there.
Mr. Markham: The announcement

Service No. 2-38) was made, Q. We haven't had anything on cot-

As we sum up our loss of the past week in the death of our Presiden Mr. C. C. Kilian, we cannot help but think of the encouraging words and acts he has given us personally as well as the company during the eleven years it has been our privilege to know him and work with him. Any time when the road seemed tiresome or the burden heavy, his encouragement and assistance has always been ready. He was a tireless worker in our cause and his judgment and opinions were always the best. His place with us as well as in his home community will be hard to fill, but we must ever forge ahead and do as he has done-"make history."

Mr. Kilian's first connection with our company was as an agent. His

A There is nothing very important to tell you about cotton that I know of. The receiving season is about finished, you know, and there is nothing going on except hoping for reduction in acreage. They are right in the midst of planting or will be in the midst in the next few weeks. Of course, they have planted some cotton down in South Texas and the Delta.
Q. Do you think you might have something to say about the 1,300,000

bales when you find out what the acreage is? A. Nothing I can say about that, except that it's still on hand.

Q. How much did the cooperatives handle of the 1930 cotton crop? A. They handled about 2,300,000 bales, the American Cotton Cooperative Association 2,100,000 bales and the Staple Cotton Growers Association about 200,000 bales.

Q. Did they sell that much? A. No, they received that much. Q. How much is that an increase over the 1929 crop?

A. For American Cotton Cooperative Association, it's about double. Remost any other way you can judge it.

Q. In your program of reducing acreage, the matter of membership has year. Q. Can you tell us anything about the grain meetings in Chicago?

A. Nothing, except just reports have heard indirectly and that is that they had a very satisfactory meeting. The Farmers National showed a net earning of something over \$600,000 on able to regulate producton more in its operations for the year but I got line with consumptive market demand that information from the papers. Not so bad for an infant, is it? Q. Do you expect the cooperatives to handle even a larger percentage of

the new cotton crop? A. We hope they will. Q. If the Farmers' National is \$660, 000 to the good, with prices going Kansas Union Farmer, A. That wouldn't make any differ-

ence in the earnings. They keep an even position all the time. Q. They haven't got a lot of wheat

lators in grain. ceautiful business organization. A. They have. Splendid!

Q. Is that commission profits agent for the cooperatives? A. Agents for cooperative units that are members of it and sell their grain

through it. Q. I notice the Department of Agriulture estimates that the number of cattle on feed in the Corn Belt on April 1 was the smallest in ten years. A. Yes, it seems that cattle are on as good a basis as any livestock pro-

Q. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics observed in that connection that in the states where feeding was as high or higher than last year-Minnesota, the Dakotas and Nebraska, they said those were states where corn was not bad. I was wondering if corn was not bad. I was wondering if it might be as much due to the fact that the same of that those are states that cut their wheat acreage and are going into di-

versified farming? A. That's more particularly true in recent years of Minnesota which has been changing gradually from a wheat state to a mixed farming state for the last six or eight or ten years. Q. Doesn't it indicate as much

movement away from wheat as it does A. I think that trend has been developing in a good many sections. Take down in Southwestern Kansas, where Ed and I were week before last. From the looks of that territory they could do almost any kind of farming they wanted to down there. Splendid section! Splendid country! The trend will be gradual in that direction

for diversifed farming. NEW OIL STATION

AT CONCORDIA Glasco, Kans., Apr. 16, 1931 We have put over the proposition of an oil station at Concordia for our Farmers Union membership. The charter has been granted by the state of Kansas. We have leased a track of ground from the Missouri Pacific rail-road for the bulk oil tanks and have equipment nec such a station. We have hired a manager and two

truck drivers, so we expect to get started delivering gasoline and oil products at an early date. Trueman Bates.

F. U. LOCAL NO. 1498 MEETING The members of Farmers Unon Local No. 1498 were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Soule Friday evening, April 11. The president, Geo. Peet, conducted the business meeting. Mr. Troutman, the assistant anditar. sistant auditor, was present and gave us an interesting talk on the walk opinions as well as anybody else.

Q. What did this Wool Advisory
Committee have to say?

A. They made a short report. We will be glad to give you that a little later on. It is not ready now.

Q. Anything new on that fruits and vegetables conference?

Us an interesting talk on the walk over the state. A general social time was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served by the hostess. Our next meeting will be April 25 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Springstead.

MAUD BANGS, Cor. Sec.

While many people believe that the Indians originated in Asia, there are others who claim them to be the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel, or descendants of a Welsh colony, or from Greece, China, Japan, Phoenicia, Ireland, Polynesia, or Australasia. Their real origin is still in doubt.

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MANY LIVE STOCK SHIPPING ASSOCIATIONS ARE ORGANIZING

Kansas City. Mo., April 18, 1931. Mr. A. M. Kinney,

Dear Mr. Kinney: We are enclosing a clipping that may be of interest to you and the readers of your paper. There is suite a lot of activity just now over the A. They keep an even position as state in the matter of organizing live near as possible all the time. If they stock shipping associations, and perdid not do that they would be specu- haps a mention now and then in your

paper would help things along. I had the pleasure of being in Dighton and Ness City to do a little orga ization work this week and last, and I was pleased to learn that the Farmers Union organization as a whole is in great favor out there. This, of course, is a reaction from the organization work affected by the creamery.

Thanking you for your cooperation, and with best personal regards, we remain Yours very truly,

Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co. By Floyd H. Lynn.

FARM WHEAT STOCKS APRIL 1 Stocks of wheat on Kansas farms April 1, 1931 are estimated at 14,-298,000 bushels or 9 per cent of the This quantity is 9,531,000 bushels below the 23,829,000 bushels held on March 1 this year and takes into account, disappearance from farms through marketings of cash grain and the amount fed to livestock during the month of March. On April 1, 1980 Kansas farmers held 15,187,000 bushels or 11 per cent of the 1929 wheat crop whiel on April 1, 1929 farm stocks totalled 21,340,000 bushels or 12 per cent of the 1928 crop. Average holdings for the five years 1926-30

were 11,962,000 bushels. April 1, 1931 farm wheat stocks in the United States are estimated at 114,983,000 bushels compared with 160,282,000 bushels so held on March 1, 1931 and 102,352,000 bushels on April 1, 1930, and 117,664,000 bushels on April 1, 1929. Average April 1 farm stocks for the five years 1926-30 are 97,179,000 bushels.

DEATH OF C. C. KILIAN A LOSS TO KANSAS FARMERS UNION

(continued from page 1) neral, and among those attending from out of town, were the following of Kansas. We have leased a trace of ground from the Missouri Pacific rail-road for the bulk oil tanks and have ordered two 15,000 gallon tanks and one 12,000 gallon tank with all other equipment necessary for operating the Farmers Union Insurance Company; C. A. Ward, state President of the Farmers Union; Thomas B. Dunn, Secretary of the Farmers Union Auditing Association, all of Salina, and H. E. Witham, manager of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, and George W. Hobbs, manager of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company, both of Kansas City.

MEN OR WOMEN WANTED

We want one Farmers Union member in each town to represent us. If interested in agency contract write today to Rex Lear, Salina, Kansas.

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Junior Cooperators

Dear Seraphine: I'm glad you liked your book and pin and I hope your brothers and sisters will join our Club. You'll get "stars" for them, if they do! Aunt Patience.

Grainfield, Kans., Apr. 17, 1931 Dear Aunt Patience:

I am 9 years old and I am in the fourth grade. My teacher's name is Miss Appel. I like her very much. I

Aunt Patience

THE LADIES AUXILIARY

One of the most serious problems confronting the members of Farmers Union Locals or Local Auxiliaries is what to do in the meetings that will develop business in the future. They spend thousands annually through various avenues to keep the build for the Union both in numbers and interest. This can not be overcome by ignoring the problem, neither can it be done by deploring it.

In order to receive a book, he must signify his intentions to study the lessons and send them in. We cannot send out books to those who do not intend to send their lessons. The address to which all Juniors should send their letters and their lessons. The address to which all Juniors should send their letters is: Aunt Patience in care of the KANSAS UNION FARMER, Salina, Kansas.

Dear Junior Club Members:

"Smithy"—what kind of a dog is he; it is allow the conditions relative to you as a place of the

Dear Junior Club Members: I think I can steal enough space this time to thank you all for the lovely Easter cards so many of you sent me. Space forbids my thanking each one of your personally but I want you all to know how I appreciated them and how happy I was to find that you remembered me

membered me.

A few weeks ago, Gloria Thomas of McPherson joined our Club. The package which I sent her containing her book and pin was returned from McPherson, unclaimed. If she will write me giving a more complete address, I shall be glad to send it to her once more.

School will be great for the first send for th Sincerely yours,
Seraphine Engel.
Care of John Engel.

her once more.

School will be out for most of you within a week or so—for many of you it is over now. Let's all make a resolution to work hard on our Junior lessons this summer and get new mem-bers for the Club. Let me hear from you who would like help in forming a Junior local. You could have a great deal of fun this summer—have picnics and meetings together. Aunt Patience.

Codell, Kans., Apr. 13, 1931. Dear Aunt Patience:

Miss Appel. I like her very much. I have three sisters and four brothers. Their names are Mary, Katie and Seraphine; boys are Dick, George, Alfred and Edwin. My mother is dead and my father is still living. Thank you for the pin and the book.

Sincerely yours,
Irene Engel. Dear Aunt Patience:

How are you? I am fine. We sure had a lot of snow out here. I could not send in my lesson, but I am sending in the February lesson now. It is an essay. I did not have time for I had to get my school lessons. I will try to send in all the next lessons.

Yours truly,

Alfred Rohleder.
P. S. My birthday is May 4th.

Dear Alfred: Alright, I'll depend upon you to send in all of the lessons from now on. Let me know when you find your twin.

Rydal, Kans., April 16, 1931.

Dear Aunt Patience:

I am 11 years old. My birthday is
May 12. My father is a member of
the Farmers Union. I have written
to you before. I would like to get a

Dear Maxine: I don't think I've ever received a letter from you before—we'll send your book and pin this week. Please write to me soon again. Aunt Patience.

Aunt Patience. Grainfield, Kans., Aprl. 16, 1931

Dear Aunt Patience: I am in the seventh grade and am fourteen years old, and I would like to join the Farmers Union club.

My teacher's name is Mrs. Rice. For pets I have a dog named Rover and

Dear Alice: The lessons are printed in this column, in the paper. You must watch for them as we don't have any exact dates for their appearance. We'll send your book and pin this week.

Aunt Patience. pets I have a dog named Rover and a little white dog named Teddy. My father is a member of the Farmers Union. My birthday is February 4th. It rained last night. Please send me a nin and book

a pin and book. Sincerely yours, Nick Schmidt.

Care of Adolf Schmidt. Dear Nick: I am glad to put your name on our Membership Roll and I hope you'll send in all the lessons. I'll send your book and pin this week. Let me know how you like them.

Grainfield, Kans., Apr. 16, 1931. Dear Aunt Patience: I am 11 years old and in the fifth grade. I go to East Big Creek school.

My teacher's name is Mrs. Rice. I
like to go to school very well. Please
send me a pin and note book so that
I could get my lessons in it. We milk
eight cows. For pets I have a dog
named Shep and my father is a member of the Farmers Union for the last 13 years. I like to read the children's page. I do not know anything else so I will close now. I would like to join the Farmer's Union club.

Yours truly, John Schnider. Care of Adolph Schmidt.

Dear John: I'm glad you enjoy "Our Page"—we're going to have a good many new members to put on our next Membership Roll. Please write again—our department can be only as interesting as our members make it, you know—and your letters are the most important thing on it!

Aunt Patience.

Grainfield, Kans., Apr. 16, 1931
Dear Aunt Patience:
I am 9 years old and in the fifth grade. For teacher I have Mrs. Rice. For pets I have a dog named Shep. My father has joined the Farmers Union club. For pets I have a cat. Her name is Snowball. I want to join the Farmers Union club. Please send meb a evershap pencil and pen. meb a evershap pencil and pen.

Yours very truly, Richard Schmidt. Care of Adolf Schmidt.

Dear Richard: I'm sorry, but we don't give Eversharp pencils and pens to everyone—just to the winners of some of the contests. To each new member I send a Club pin, and a loose leaf note book, in which they get their lessons and keep things which seem important to them. I hope you'll win a pen or pencil some day.

Aunt Patience.

Cawker City, Kans., Apr. 18, 1931 Dear Aunt Patience: Dear Aunt Patience:

I am sending in my essay on "How.
Juniors can help their Local Unions."
I have a new pet. You couldn't guess what it is. A tiny little dog. We call him "Smithy." Our school is out April 18. We are going to have a picnic. I wish that you were here to go with us, don't you? I am in the 8th grade and am 13 years old. My birthday is August 8. Do I have a twin? We are having fine weather now. I'd better close.

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So good-bye.

ne. Write me again.

From your niece, Irene Dreher.

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Dear Irene: I'm fine, too, thanks. I'm sure you must have a twin—watch the paper carefully and I think you'll find

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Ladies' Auxiliary

"Smithy"—what kind of a dog is he?
Yes, indeed, I'd like to go en your picnic—I don't kow anything I'd rather do. We go on "steak fries" quite often here—take steaks out into the woods, you know, and cook them over a fire. Write me soon and be sure to let me know when you find your twin.

Aunt Patience.

Grainfield, Kans., Apr. 17, 1931.
Dear Aunt Patience:
I got my book and pin. They are pretty. I thank you very much. I have three sisters and four brothers.

Did it appeal to you as a place where you would like to live, did it look complete? No, because as homes were destined to be it was lacking in various ways, and so the organization that fails to recognize the need of completeness in its program is not an ideal institution for it has not made hand and press forward, each doing the best we can and though we sometimes encounter obstacles those obstacles can be overcome—must be overcome—if we are to succeed.

The question might be asked by some. Why the Auxiliary? Why the funior Department?

Well, let's see. Does the church of day find a need for more than one partment? Do the railroads with teir gigantic systems of transportant n content themselves with merely problems of hauling freight and cooperatively and we need to make a so the organization of the need of completeness in its program is not an ideal institution, for it has not made provision for the future. Think this over and write E. L. Bullard, Vassar, Kansas, about your ideas of an Auxiliary or Junior Department in connection with your local. We want to help you build the cooperative spirit and cooperative thinking in your community to the point where we have the largest possible number of farm families in every community thinking and acting cooperatively and we need your help.



COOPERATIVE OIL NEWS

HOWARD A. COWDEN,

AN OPTIMISTIC COOPERATOR John M. Karns, President of the Cooperative Oil Company, Bucklin, Kansas, is a staunch cooperator. In speaking of present conditions, Mr. Karns recently made the statement: "If this business depression does no more good than to make good cooperators." love to all of you. Alice Bossi. R. R. No. 2, Box 95, Arkansas City, ators out of us. it will bring a great benefit to the American people." He is a firm believer that farmers must stand shoulder-to-shoulder to improve Grainfield, Kans., April 8, 1931.

Dear Aunt Patience: How are you?

I hope fine. I am o. k. My birthday
is April 19. I hope I have a twin. I their present condition.

will be 12 years old. I am in the fifth grade. Our school will be out in the next two weeks. Well I guess I will close for my letter is getting long.

The announcement made by the Un

Vegetable growing has usually been a hobby or a "spare time" occupation for city dwellers, Doctor Taylor points out, and many farmers have not considered the garden as a real competitor of the cash crops. Actually the experience of many farmer Dear Irene: Why don't you ask your brothers and sisters to join? I am glad you weren't disappointed in the pin-please write again.

Marysville, Kans., Apr. 10, 1931
Dear Aunt Patience.

I am sending in my essay. Will you have a March lesson? Ithink I got a good grade, 96.8. Our school will be out the 17th of April. I haven't found my twin yet. I will close.

Dear Irene: No. I don't believe we'll have a March lesson—but will be out the 17th of April. I have one is a March lesson—but will be one in the proper will be one is a March lesson—but will be one is a March lesson—but will be one is a March lesson—but will be one in the proper will be out the 17th of April. I haven't is the meeting and instructive talks.

The organization of the Farmers have made interesting and instructive talks.

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come of even greater money values.

This is not to say that an employed worker should neglect his job for his garden, but the garden can provide a profitable market for morning and evening hours and much healthful re-

to you before. I would like to get a book and a pin. I will get my essay in as soon as you send me my book and pin. Please send it sometime next week.

Your niece,

Maxine Ames.

Care H. E. Ames.

P. S. My brother and sister Junior and Dorothy wrote to you too. They are 10 and 9 years old. They will study hard and get their essay in as soon as you send their books and pins.

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Great interest was manifested by the managers and directors present, in the appeal made by Mr. Ackley for Cooperatives to stand together and build their own oil company, instead now in cultivate than short rows of patronizing the "Old Liners".

ANOTHER COOPERATIVE USES NATIONAL COLORS

T. G. Ramsey, Ottawa, Kansas, is having their bulk station painted orange and blue. He wants folks to know at a glance that the consumers

Recent announcements show that the profits of the Standard Oil Company (Indiana) in 1930 were \$46,000,-000. Their profits in 1929 were \$78,-000,000.

EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION OPERATING

Each employee of the member companies of the Union Oil Company have been mailed application blanks for membership in the Employees' Association which carries \$500 insurance for members, without any cost to the employee.

The announcement made by the Union Oil Company when don't company appears with a wide band of blue near the top. The name of the Farmers Union Oil Company appears in the blue band, and in orange lettering, outlined with white. They are placing the words "Union Certified" below the name of the company. It won't take leng to locate the Farmers Union Oil Company when driving through Ottawa.

ion Oil Company a few weeks ago that the Employees' Association had been organized for the benefit of employees of the member companies who are rendering a very real service in building their own Cooperative Oil Company, has created much interest. It is the plan of the company that by giving the employees a part of the benefits of cooperation that it will keep within the ranks of Cooperatives efficient men whom they have helped to train, and who are sometimes lost to the Cooperative movement because of more attractive salaries offered by "old line" firms.

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SMALL GARDEN WILL LOOK BIG THIS YEAR IN TOWN AND COUNTRY

ach, onions from sets, and early turnips. These grow best in fairly cool weather and do not require so much moisture as the later crops. They will do fairly well with a moderate supply

tilizer material. In the cities a rank

growth of weeds often reveals soil which would be more desirable for

easier to cultivate than short rows

in vegetable beds. If water is available for irrigation or sprinkling, the

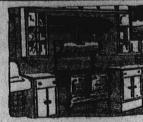
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SPELLING VICTORY THRILLS 'EM

Youthful ambition backed up by

-Mary Ellen representing Assumption School and Lillian Williamson,





TONGUE TWISTED

"Small gardens are gong to look larger this spring than they have for many years, because they will be unusually useful in piecing out diets and in checking inroads on the family income," says Dr. William A. Taylor, Chief of the Bureau of Plant Indus-"Drought and unemployment," he says, "have made diet relief and income relief of prime importance this

When some moments elapsed, the specialist said: "Do you mean to say you cannot read letters of that size?"
"Oh, I can see the letters all right," replied the patient, "but I can't pronounce the bloming word.

Black furrows lean from edged stee The broken soil lies bare and dark ubborn rock strikes on the plow. And in the earth there flames a spark As sudden as a star that falls
Into the soundless depths of space; blind mole stirs, remembering
The sun that left without a trace

An oculist was examining the eyes of a patient and had requested him to read the top line of a test card, the letters of which ran H P R T V Z B F H K.

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family.

Be it also resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Kansas Union Farmer, one to the bereaved family, and also spread on the minutes.

F. W. Bauer, Pres.

Walter Knitter, Sec'y.

Committee.

-Eleanor Aletta Chaffee in the New York Sun.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Protect Your Home and Other Property

Against All Hazards CALL THE NEAREST AGENT of the

Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Companies Of Kansas

Lightning

SALINA, KANSAS Automobile Mercantile Wind

WE HAVE A COMPLETE LINE OF

Stock and Poultry Feeds

For YOU to choose from. YOU get more for your money as well as a product that YOU can readily sell. YOU also get a Nationally Advertised Product that carries a MONEY BACK GUARANTEE.

YOU can depend on GOLD MEDAL "FARM-TESTED" FEEDS AND GOLD MEDAL KITCHEN TESTED FLOUR. Ask for prices on GOLD MEDAL 32% Dairy Supplement and Special Booking prices on GOLD MEDAL ALL MASH CHICK RA-

The Farmers Union Jobbing Association

Branch Offices

915 United Life Building Salina, Kansas

1004 Corby Building St. Joseph, Mo.

Ship Often

With the warm weather setting in, it is e sential that your cream be shipped often. This will preserve the quality and in these times of low price quality must be given first

Farmers Union Co-Operative Creamery Association

Kansas City, Mo.

Wakeeney, Kansas

Price List of Local Supplies

Application cards20 for 5c Credential blanks10 for 5c Dimit blanks15 for 10e Constitutions ______5c
Local See'y Receipt Books 25c
Secretary's Minute Books 50c
Farmers Union Buttons 25c

Farmers Union Song Leaf

Cash Must Accompany Order. This is Necessary to Save Expense in Postage and Labor.

WRITE A. M. KINNEY

Box 51, Salina, Kansas

LIVE STOCK

Be a REAL Farmers Union member and market your live stock

YOUR OWN FIRM

Your own organization naturally will do more for you than some one not interested in you. You get your part of the profits returned to you from the Farmers Union firm.

Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co.

G. W. Hobbs, Mgr. Kansas City, Mo.

MORE MONEY IN CIRCU-LATION WILL CURE FARM ILLS

(continued from page 1) ers that we are in the machine age that machinery is raising hob with old business practices. Some say high tariff is the cause, and some that tariffs are not high enough and want embargoes put on imports. Some that prohibition is the cause. Others too much spent for automobiles and gasoline. Others that public psycholars are completed in Monday of this week was spent in Completing arrangements for the opening of a new cream, egg and poultry station at Yates Center and products and that the people would try station at Yates Center and products and that the people would not make a mistake in following such Others that public psychology is all wrong and if people would noon .

Only think right our trouble would be over. But the final clenching cause

Truth is those gentlemen are looking for the real cause of our great depression, for a very good reason. They are all salaried men, and just as commodity prices fall their salaries are automatically in-creased through increased purchasing power of the dollar. It has been the hope and purpose of the big monied interests to eventually bring the country down to the 1914 price level, and they've finally got us there. I do not mean to say that all salaried people are in a conspiracy to increase the buying power of their salaries. Thousands of them know nothing about what has been done. Still cheaper west of Altamont in Labette county goods look fine to them as long as they can hold their jobs. But I do say that men in positions of power who know exactly what is happening are busy trying to get the country to settle down and be good and submissively accept the lower standard of living that is being forced on the American people. It should not require extended argument to convince producers of tangible wealth that they are the losers in this game of price deflation and that the fixed-income credit holding okee, Neosho and Labette Counties class are the gainers.

We read the Congressional record all through the late session of Congress to see if our high-up statesmen were doing anything worth while to relieve the situation, but beyond increased appropriations for public improvements and drought relief nothing effective was done. The bill to let the Legion boys borrow up to 50 per cent of their bonus certificates should help some as well as being a godsend to the boys themselves. The public improvements, if they could ever get them started, would be a temporary help. There were a few senators and ongressmen who spoke out in the Volmer, one of Neosho county's out-There were a few senators and matter. Congressman Burtness of South Dakota had a bill that would have solved the problem, but of course got nowhere with it. Senators Pine and Thomas of Oklahoma, Brookhrat Mayor Dakan of Parsons gave an Mayor Dakan of P

up their end for the United States all with the Italian dictator. But to get back to ou surbject, the

trouble with our business situation, its The volume of money be circulation the case may be. Our constitution places the power to issue and regulate money in the United States Congress, which in turn has delegates it to the national banks, which banks are in turn controlled by the Federal Reserve Board. This board is controlled by the president of the United States through the appointing power. These same national banks have reduced the volume of money in circulation \$700,000,000 since 1926. Remember that's our measure of value. Money, like everything else, becomes dearer through scarcity. Hence the pro-

right up to Mr. Hoover. Now Mr. Hoover's remedy is to increase the rapidity of circulation of appropriations for internal improvements. As formerly said, that may good home market is worth more to help temporarily, but is not a perma- us than all foreign markets put tohelp temporarily, but is not a permanent solution. Let me repeat, it is an
inexorable law of economics proved
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little longer we come to the hard part tions look out for themselves. If our of the dilemma. Bankers belittle money volume was raised to \$45.00 ey and avow that business puts money per capita there wouldn't be any farm cake and coffee were served. ey and avow that business puts money circulation. That it is not money that makes business go, but business recently with a farm leader on this makes money go. The question at issubject of money supply, he seemed sue then is just what is the positive puzzled and asked if I mean "just to puzzled and aske moving power in the business wordl print money and hand it out in wads. Let's bring it to a final analysis. If there was no money, there would be mation is discouraging, and this gen-no such thing as price. All business tleman tramping all over the state would be by barter, and little business could be done. This thing we call mon-ey is invented to represent values and to farm leaders before this task is facilitate exchanges. It is our unit of account. It is the price creator and makes business possible, also makes debts and taxes possible. If there's enough money to represent our values and keep prices at a fair level and its volume not disturbed, everything goes well with society, but when it is reduced in volume as it is now, then

-- NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES -:-

George Ludlam and Ben Jackson by the economic doctors is a world depression. That ends it. Nothing more to say. A scapegoat has been found on which to load our economic sins.

Are in charge of the station the final clenching cause know will do their best to please. Mr. we have a more secretary. Mr. Fortune made a few remarks and introduced Mr. Bullion work in that territory. Monday night we had a meeting at Prairie view school house west of Yates Centarian of the farman of th

Tuesday night we attended the

county meeting of the Franklin County Union at Peoria. It was a great meeting. A large crowd, good music and splendid readings made a fine prelude for the speaker and the lunch that followed was a fitting climax to one grand night for the Farmers Union of Franklin County.

There is no local at Peoria but this meeting was held there for the purdinner they had ever attended where pose of building sentiment and we be-lieve a local can be built there. Wednesday evening the 15th we attended

terest. Thursday evening at Erie to a meeting in the court house, and Friday evening we have a metting at Galesburg in southwest Neosho county.

FOUR COUNTY MEETINGS HELD AT PARSONS

Business men, farmers and Farmers met at Parsons on March 31st. About 100 attended the meeting. The meeting was called for the purpose of getting the business men and Farmers together to discuss the Farmers' prob-Southeast Kansas.

The meeting was called for ten o'clock, but owing to bad weather the standing farmers and Farmers Union members, and Ernest Robinet of Par-

of Iowa, and Heflin of Alabama were all actively trying to do something. Our Kansas delegation were silent in the matter, seeming to think that the the matter, seeming to think that the convention at Parsons in 1929. He the Convention at Parsons in 1929. He only the convention at Parsons in 1929 area farm problem. Governor Reed pointed out that it was very necessary temporary expedients above mention- said he realized the Farmers had a ed were sufficient, which of course problem and that all other groups they are not. Our national farm organ-izations touched the problem lightly have to organize for their protection.

ference over in Rome, Italy; fortyfive nations represented. Our high-up
farm authorities wouldn't recognize
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farm organizations had done last summer to get the farm board to begin
buying wheat in order to save the
buying wheat in order to forty- short but to it, but the Farmers' Union has two made a short talk on what took place delegates there, and they're holding at the State Legislature at Topeka. Senator Ratner stressed the point that the same. Bully for the Farmers' Un- the farmers were the only group that ion! Mussolini opened the meeting were not organized and that it was that contained the equalization fee in and said that if all hungry people necessary for them to organize not were fed there would be no over-pro- only to market their products, but duction. That it was only a question also to get the necessary legislation. of distribution. For once we agree He pointed out that the farmers would have to meet organization with or-

cause, and the remedy is so simple That's why cattle feeders and business that it has been overlooked in the men generally get caught on a filling hurly burly to do something about it. price level and go broke. It is customary to say prices have gone down, is our measure of value. When that is when it is really money that has gone disturbed prices move up or down as up. Interest rate is not the value of money. It's rather what the traffic will bear. The value of money is what

> that is bought and sold is on the same level, also salaries. But the trouble is our debts and taxes and other fixed charges don't come down. Indirectly our debts and taxes are increased by

If our farm leaders would unite on this issue to get more money into cirducer has to give more goods to get culation as they did on the McNarya dollar. The United States price in- Haugen bill or for higher tariffs and dex schedule just received gives the carry the issue right up to President 1926 dollar a present buying power of Hoover or to the Congress if neces-\$1.32 and the farmer's dollar a buy- sary, they would be doing more good he has to pay for what he buys. So if farm leaders ever tackle this subyou see if we are right in our conject they will find it the hardest nut tention we have traced the whole to crack of all ,but it's got to be done trouble through the national banks if we ever expect to bring reasonable prosperity to agriculture.

Remember that 90 per cent of all we produce in the United States is conhalf of the organization favoring the world's business is done in U. S. A asssting the farmer.

An invitation was given by

mightily to adjust world conditions.

Referendums concerning the State
By-Laws were brought up, explained you up. We have more gold now in and approved. the United States than we are using Now if you will be patient just a as a basis for money. Let other naproblem left to fuss about. Talking subject of money supply, he seemed puzzled and asked if I mean "just to Of course I didn't. Such lack of infortleman tramping all over the state addressing farm audiences! There will to farm leaders before this task is meetings our crowd was small. Tues-accomplished. The same power and the day night had the pleasure of speaksame law that increased our money ing at Lakeside Local southeast of making preparations for feeds, pro-

uce began coming in Monday after- not make a mistake in following such men as these.

Mr. E. T. Fortune was then elected are in charge of the station and we chairman of the meeting and Mr. Det-

Kansas. The meeting then adjourned for dinner which was served in the basement of the Municipal building. A basket dinner had been organized, and many brought well filled baskets. However, the ladies in the Parsons territory had agreed to bring chickens, they were really fed. They compli-mented the ladies very highly on their dinner, and the writer wishes to say that the dinner was the most successful part of the meeting and the ladies should have full credit.

About four hundred were served dinner. Among them were about forty business men of Parsons who were members of the Chamber of Com-

The agriculture committee of which Mr. Paul, Manager of the Clark Lumber company is chairman, did everything possible to help make the meeting a real success.

Mr. Fortune then introduces Mr.

Mr. Fortune then introduces Mr. each day calling on farmers and asking the Chamber of Commerce and near Concordia growing. Mr. Perking secretary. The dinner crowd was entertained

by singing from the small Westoff children and Mrs. Darby and Mr. Roblems and to reach a better understanding about farmers' problems, and to work out a plan of organization in the little Westoff children gave as a few control of the farmers union, met at the home the little Westoff children gave as of C. O. Thomas Thursday evening. fine entertainment as they had ever After local a small program was heard.

by eleven o'clock a good number had gathered. The meeting was called to gathered. The meeting was called to talk on the workings of the Federal the meeting was called the meeting was called the meeting was called the meeting was called to talk on the workings of the Federal the meeting was called to talk on the workings of the Federal the meeting was called gatnered. The meeting was called to order by W. R. Detmer, president of talk on the workings of the Federal the men folks failed to materialize. Farm Board and stressed the necestressed the put of the Labette County Farmers Union. sity of the Farmers organizing.

Mr. Fortune then read a telegram women folks around. Sort of bashful from Mr. Ward stating that he was confined to his room with a case of next local will be held at the Stone flu and that he regretted very much

that he could not be there. Mr. Kinney then introduced ex-Governor Reed. Mr. Reed gave one of his very inpointed out that it was very necessary for the farmers to organize in order that they could demand that which they were entitled to. He told how other organizations were being favmade no serious attempt to get anything worth while done.

They are havng a world's farm conThey are havng a world's farm conference over in Power Helm forty.

Mr. E. T. Fortune, lecturer for the other organizations were being tavored by the protective tariff system, and other features of the evening.

The meeting was opened by community singing, followed by the program.

They are havng a world's farm conwelcome. Mr. Fortune's address was and what he and the leaders of the A playlet of songs by the pupils of but that the farmer was being lett out. He spoke of the wheat situation and what he and the leaders of the A playlet of songs by the pupils of and what he and the leaders of the North Star school; reading by Miss nower of the country will endeavor to farmers and many of the banks.

Mr. Reed said in no uncertain order to give the farmer the benefit of the tariff. He said that he did not think the reduction of acreage of wheat would solve the problem, beproduce some other crop that was also being over produced.

After the address of the Governor

Farmers Union members proceeded to delicious refreshments were served to form an organization of four coun- all present. ties for the purpose of putting on a membership drive. Mr. Detmer was chosen chairman of the four county organizations and Mr. George Peek secretary. The work was started in it will buy.

New it wouldn't matter so much to be on a low price level if everything have already been brought into the Farmers Union.

LIBERTY LOCAL Liberty Local Farmers Union Number 1988 had its regular meeting Apthe amount that the dollar has gone up. It will make the mortgage debt of the country unpayable.

If our ferm leaders would units on the minutes of the previous erica." meeting were read and approved.

Mr. B. E. Winchester, President of North Star Local, gave a very interesting talk on Farmers Union Co-op.

Creameries. He then introduced one of the Board of Directors of the Farmers Union Co-op. Creameries, Mr. H. ing power of only 67c based on prices for agriculture than all put together he receives for his product and prices they are doing now. Make no mistake, very good talk about the creamery very good talk about the creamery proposition, explained it and answered numerous questions. The Chamber of Commerce was represented in this meeting and was asked to express their opinion.

what money we have got through high sumed at home and 50 per cent of the proposition, expressing the desire of

The motion was made for adjourn ment and carried. The meeting was

THE FARMER IS TIRED OF LOOKING FOR SANTA

CLAUS, SAYS SHIPPS Belleville, Kans., Apr. 18, 1931. Dear Cooperators:

Monday night met with the group southwest of Rydal, Emil Bowman president. Owing to other important volume to over \$50.00 per capita in 1920 can do so again and we didn't twenty-five or more in attendance. Inhear of anyone getting it in "wads" at that time. "If the blind lead the blind both will fall into the dish, president. About grams, etc., to help draw crowds. I structures evolve into higher and better forms, does consciousness increase. Finally the highest and most perfect structure, viz., the human form, is blind both will fall into the ditch."

One cannot in this short talk make everything clear on this difficult subject, but we do hope to create an into the young men and women to get

Sincer Spicuous, two young people joined the Union and were initiated by President Bates. I made an especial plear A TIMELY ARTICLE there's all kinds of trouble.

This thing of changing our money volume is a very subtle thing. People don't know it's being done. Unless one digs into things and wades through bank reports, he has no way of knowing that anything has gone wrong.

Ject, but we do hope to create an into the young men and women to get the terest in this all-important matter, as back of this great cooperative protections will be farm problem. Any questions will be farm problem. Any questions will be cheerfully answered through the press or by letter or later radio broadcast.

ANDREW SHEARER.

APPRECIATED

Kincaid, Kans., April 9, 1931.

Mr. A. M. Kinney, Salina, Kansas; Dear Sir:—
Your article "AN INDICTMENT billities will rest on their shoulders," on the first page of the April 9th

and they should be thoroughly versed edition of The Kansas Union Farmer in cooperative laws, production, mar- is a very timely article, but it will fall the perfect or complete consciousness

keting, and distribution of farm commodities.

The spirit of cooperation begins at the farm fireside, adversity it seems kindles the spirit, spurring us on to higher ideals, and a greater unity of effort, which is highly essential to our program. The good women of Kansas and our wonderful crop of Kansas grown, Kansas educated, Kansas grown, Kansas educated, Kansas gririted young men and young repeated too often cause some of the sas spirited young men and young repeated too often, cause some of the women will do much for agriculture "herd" to begin to think, it sometimes by reason of their understanding of becomes dangerous. That is why the such cooperative agencies.

A wonderful thought, Farmer own-

ed, Farmer controlled marketing associations, and backed up by the biggest company on earth, THE UNIT
ED STATES GOVERNMENT.

With historical events by Wednesday night rained in. Thurs-

day at Enterprise Local east of Courtland are a goin' to git a-goin' again there one of these days. People are getting tired of playing Rip Van Winkle, and looking for the Farmers, Santa Claus. They are go-

near future arrange a well planned reign. set of meetings in west part of county. Friday night, owing to a little slip in dates, was cordially received by the Farm Bureau group at Oak Creek school house, Mr. Claude Hanson, president, who gave a mighty fine talk on cooperation. Met many fine people there, and was especially great deal of hay and grain, and that

from now on he expects them to get it all. That's cooperation. In addition to the above we drove

> Cooperatively, J. E. Shipps.

STONE LOCAL 792 MEETS given consisting of songs, recitations, Mr. Fortune then introduced Mr. readings, etc., after which cake was we presume, as most men are. The school house April 23rd, at which time a program will be given, and any speaker for the good of the Farmers Union will be welcome. C. O. THOMAS, Cor. Sec.

NORTH STAR FARMERS UNION The regular meeting of the North Star Farmers Union was held Friday evening, April 10, with a nice crowd present to enjoy the splendid program and other features of the evening. music by Mr. Claypool and Mr. Wilbur Lamb on violin and mandolin; terms that he was for farm legislation piano solo by Christena Teagarden a group of readings given by R. Boyd Wallace.

The program was followed by the business session, during which time a number of amendments to the state cause that would give more land to constitution of the Farmers Union were presented and carried without opposition.

After the business all were invited the business men adjourned and the to the basement dining room where

The next regular meeting will be April 24 with same refreshments and program committee in charge. Your ttendance is desired. MRS. HERVE PRENTICE, Reporter

TWO COMMENDATIONS OF APRIL
9th KANSAS UNION FARMER
Cawker City, Kans., April 9, 1931.
Mr. A. M. Kinney,
Editor of Kansas Union Farmer,

Salina, Kansas; Dear Sir:—Accept my congratula-tions for this week's paper. I think it is the greatest that you ever edited. Your indictment of our industrial and economic system and Frank A. Chapman's remedy of our conditions is the greatest and truest I ever read. I am sure that the next president of the United States will be elected on that issue and then we will quit issuing money to the National Banks and buying it back with bonds. So let the good fight go on.

Respectfully, J. V. BOGGS...

Coffeyville, Kans., April 10, 1931. Mr. A. M. Kinney, Editor Kansas Union Farmer, Salina, Kansas;

My dear Mr. Kinney: I have just read the Union Farmer of April 9th. I wish to congratulate you upon your front page edutorial and your poem. I am sending it down to KWKH to Mr. Hendersn. I expect that they will read the poem over KWKH some time. With sincere best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours, HAROLD McGUGIN. Congressman. LETTER FROM E. L. BULLARD

Parsons, Kans., April 9, 1931. Mr. A. M. Kinney, Salina, Kansas; Dear Mr. Kinney:

Have started in on the campaign as outlined at the Parsons meeting. Got anyhow. eight new members for South Mound at leats that many more for that Local. Am getting the meetings pretty well lined out and the people are making preparations for feeds, programs, etc., to help draw crowds. I the first shot with good prospects for

Sincerely yurs, E. L. BULLARD.

APPRECIATED

government will take cognizance and stop the papers that persist in pub-Your reference to the French Revo-

lution indicates that you are familiar with historical events, but you will hand society,—that as if we don't adremember that it took a century or vance from choice voluntarily, we will two before the peasants of France be- later be forced to advance goader gan to awake. Of course, the awaken- by necessity. The former is God's ing was a terrible thing but out of the fire and smoke and blood of the uratively speaking. revolution came a new France.

Russia endured the absolutism of ing out and get equality.

Russia endured the absolutism of All great wars and revoluthe Romaoffs until it became untions, political or otherwise, have Union Elevator stockholders at bearable and dire results followed and been brought about by people courtland, talked to about sixty the end is not yet. But out of the men, later stopped and visited with chaos of political and industrial revo-Mr. Slipsager, manager of Farmers lution there may emerge a condition act as creators, positively, taking where "Liberty and Equality" will time by the forelock, but have waited

I am enclosing an excerpt from one of Abraham Lincoln's last speeches ernments break loose, sweeping all but what he predicted has already come to pass why quote it longer? With the great industrial, power, and banking corporations already in power, and banking corporations already in power, supported by a congress of serwile tools what are the responsibility inpeople there, and was especially pleased to hear Mr. Hanson say he had shipped our Jobbing association a great deal of hay and grain, and that stance, but the "powers that be" camp on their trails and with plenty of persuade the dear people that such mal lives, depending on someone else funds and demagugic speakers easily men should be retired and the "people" retire the offending members. Already they are seeking to exterminate Lambertson in the First district and unless the friends of good govern-ment make a hard fight it will be

the members to a realization of

'where they are at".
Your promise to publish the names of state senators and representatives who supported our program and those reactionaries who fought it sounds good. These lists should be carried IN EACH ISSUE of the Union from now till the next election. If the people want legislation, let them elect men in sympathy with their plans rather than corporation or gang ruled politicians.

Keep after them on the adoption of the income tax amendment or it will fail again for the corporation owne papers will not give much publicity to Yours, S. S. IRWIN.

A PROPHECY COMING TRUE I see a crisis coming that unnerve me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. As a result of war, corporations have been enthroned prolong its reign until all wealth is concentrated in a few hands and the

UNCLE ANDY SAYS:

republic is destroyed.—Abraham Lin-Coln, Nov. 21, 1864.



"From age to age, Man's still aspiring spirit Finds wider scope, and sees with clearer eyes. And thou in larger measure dost in

herit What made thy great forerunners free

-Lowell. We've had a first class old-fashioned cold (nowadays called the flu) with all the usual accompaniments of coughing and headache. Pulse irregu-

together. We're still rather stupid and doubtful whether or not we can pull our-selves together and write anything worth while. We have the consolation that if we fall down Ralph Snyder or Julia Smith will use the axe on it, thereby protecting our membership against the mental wanderings of a half-sick old octogenarian.

lar, threatening at times to stop al-

When one has had a good shaking up, he naturally begins to think about things besides hogs and corn, or dollars and cents, or even farm equality. One begins to wonder how much of this life one can carry over into the next or how much of it is worth while

We begin to see rather dimly a goal Finally the highest and most perfect

And this highly perfected human form comes self-consciousness,— the power to stand off and think about ourselves, to think into the future, to take cognizance of all forms and states of matter, to increase our consciousness by experiment and educa-

All tending, as we see it, towards keting, and distribution of farm comlike headless arrows in so far as the or the consciousness of the whole.
"common herd" (Vanderbilt's appelaAll there is to human progress and education is that we are conscious of a little more today then we were yesterday. If this is not our personal condition we are as it were "stuck in condition we are as it were the mud" or "dead in the head."

> Organic evolution seems to have reached its goal when the human bodily structure was reached for the reason that we ourselves have become creators and not dependent on material evolution. The advancement of humanity is now, or should be, voluntary,—that is from choice.

And this great law pervades all hu

great wars and revolu until accumulated evils piled up be-hind the bulwark of organized Govbefore them in destructive revolution.

I question if we as human beings lic affairs, or to drift along, lazy and idle mentally, indulging our emotions and propensities, living out our anito do our thinking and planning.

The whole world is just now in rather dangerous condition. A very little might start something that would be hard to stop. The majority have it in their power as always to I am a member of the Union and I right the wrongs of society by taking intelligent, unselfish action. We can't afford to let things just drift. That's the way of the brute. That's the "left hand road" that leads to all kinds of trouble. That's Hell. The other way is Heaven. We are free to choose. The responsibility is on us

MY CHOICE
I'd rather make somebody laugh
Than make somebody cry,
Although the stuff I say is chaff
To do my best I try.
So while the old world runs around
Let's try to start a merry sound,
For all too soon we're 'neath the groundAnd folks have said good-by. And folks have said good-by

I'd rather make somebody grin
Than make somebody frown.
To Momus, god of mirth, I'll pin
My faith and be a clown.
Let those who want to solemn be
I have a vastly different plea.
I live to hear 'em say, "Tee hee,"
Until the curtain's down.
—Phil H. Armstrong in the Florida
Times-Union. d rather make somebody grin

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RESOLUTIONS OF 'SYMPATHY Whereas it has pleased our heavenly Father to remove from our midst our riend and brother, W. B M.itchell, Now therefore be it resolved that we, the members of Salem Hall Local No. 1824, extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family in their sorrow and the loss of husband and father.

Also that a copy of this be sent to the family and one to the Kansas Union Farmer.

Mr. T. B. Ford Mr. H. Carpenter Mr. A. C. Scholl.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Take notice that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Jobbing Association of the Kansas Branch of the National Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union, (Farmers Union Jobbing Association) will be held at the office of the company in Salina, Kansas, on Friday, May the first, 1931, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the following

purposes: (1) For the purpose of adopting or passing upon the question of the adoption of a new set of by-laws, substantially as adopted by the board of directors.

(2) For the purpose of passing upon the question of whether or not the name of said association be changed and if and in the event a change be agreed upon, to select, designate and adopt as the name of said association, the name so agreed upon.

(3) To amend the powers, object or purposes of said corporation, substantially along the lines set out out in the proposed set of by-laws.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the by-laws as proposed to be adopted. Of course, suggestions, amendments or changes may be made by the stockholders. This is only a tentative form and as it takes a two-thirds vote of the stockholders to amend the charter and change by-laws, it is very necessary that you come to this meeting in person or fill out the enclosed proxy to someone you know will be there. All proxies should be sent to the Secretary's office at 1140 Board of Trade Building, Kansas City, Missouri, not later than April 25th, 1931. Use the enclosed envelope which needs no postage.

W. J. SPENCER, President. H. E. WITHAM, Secretary,

The Jobbing Association of the Kansas Branch of the National Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union.

STOCKHOLDER'S PROXY The Jobbing Association of the Kansas Branch of the National Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union.

This is to certify that I hereby appoint... as my proxy and through this certificate vest in him the power of attorney to vote in my stead in the special meeting of the Jobbing Association of the Kansas Branch of the National Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union, "Farmers Union Jobbing Association" to be held in Salina, Kansas, at 10:00 a. m., Friday, May 1, 1931.

"Farmers Union Jobbing Association"