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OUR DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION REPORT

Kansas Division Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America

(Continued from last week)

He in a good measure has been responsible for a lot of these things and the success made. I hope everyone will extend their sympathies to him at this time.

Mr. Clifford Miller, assistant secretary of the board of directors of the Jobbing association spoke of his appreciation for the splendid showing made by the Kansas Farmers Union. "There is one phase of the business affairs of the Jobbing association which has been running through my mind. We have, it seems to me, the thing established on such a basis that the main thing now is to increase our volume. It is a commission type of business. Our overhead is at a minimum for service but we could handle a much larger volume of business without adding any more help and we are performing a very great service for our local business institutions. Our management has been very successful. Our overhead is reasonable compared to our income and it seems to me we are on a very satisfactory basis. I have been intimately connected with the association for about 3 years now and we do not have the problems we had at the time I went in. I certainly feel proud of our management and office force down there and it is a pleasure to me to go in there at any time and see the smooth work of the office and the way the business is handled there. It gets the results."

Mr. E. A. Crall, director told of the gratifying association he had as a member of this association.

"I have only been a director of the Jobbing association since our last annual meeting. My association has been very gratifying and I assure you I, as Mr. Spencer said, feel mighty proud of the results of the work since our change of management and especially during the last year. An organization that can show a net profit of \$80,000.00 is certainly doing more than we farmers have in southeast Kansas for the last two or three years. We do not have the support we are entitled to. It goes right back home. We have to depend on steps forward in the Federation of the Farmers Union elevators. When they sign that contract they all pledge their support to the Jobbing association. It can be made the greatest organization in Kansas City. There is a movement on foot right now where an alignment would be made with the Federal organization that may be brought into being and that may be a problem that will require a good deal of thought. A good deal of thought and analysis will be required a good deal of thought. A good deal of thought and analysis will be required before we enter into that. We hope we will use good judgment. We hope we will be able to show you that we have been able to line up in a way that will make our organization still intact. What can be done in a way of helping is every Farmers Union elevator in the state of Kansas give that institution all their business outside of what is sold direct on track. That alone would make a wonderful showing. Let's all go home and preach co-operation to our neighbors hoping we may induce them to join us and work with us."

Homer Terpening, director: "I want to thank each and every person in this audience who has helped to bring the success he has to the Jobbing association. You people own this jobbing association. You work with us and we will work with you. It is your association. We are just running it for you. Give us your support and business and we will do the rest."

Mr. A. T. Riley, manager of the Salina office was introduced.

"We are mighty well satisfied with the support you have given us. The report that has been read to you, Mr. Witham and the board deserve most of the credit for what we have made this year. We want the man-

FARMERS UNION OFFICIAL HONORED

At the annual meeting of the Kansas State Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, Mr. Charles A. Broom, Secretary-Manager of the Kansas Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Companies, was elected President of this Association.

Mr. Broom is well known to the members of the Kansas Farmers Union. He has been in charge of the Kansas Farmers Union Insurance Companies for the past three years, and has made an enviable record as manager. The Kansas Farmers Union is honored by his election to the position of President of all of the Mutual Insurance Companies of Kansas.

Resolutions Passed by the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of the National Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America, at Omaha, Nebr., Nov. 19-20-21, 1929

Recognizing the soundness of the statement of principles set forth in the declaration of purposes for which the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America was established, be it resolved:

First, that we pledge ourselves anew to help secure to the farmers of this nation, justice and the application of the Golden Rule.

To eliminate the credit and mortgage system.

To assist our members in co-operatively buying and selling.

To educate and train the agricultural classes in scientific marketing, the classification of crops, domestic economy and the process of marketing.

To remove agricultural products from the gamblers table.

To place farming on an equality with other industries.

To secure and maintain profitable and uniform prices for the products of the farm.

And, above all to strive for harmony and good will among all mankind, and brotherly love among ourselves.

Second, that our devotion to this cause shall never die. We here and now solemnly obligate ourselves to carry the torch of education and the banner of co-operation even unto death, and as we approach the shadows of that valley, to hand them over to our sons and daughters to carry on.

Third, that through these resolutions, we appeal to farmers everywhere to unite with us in our efforts and activities. We want them to know the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America is a real farm organization, born in a country school house in Raines county Texas—not in the gilded rooms of the Chicago Board of Trade. We want them to know the Farmers Union is a democratic organization, controlled from the bottom up, and not from the top down.

We want the farmers all over this nation to know that for twenty-seven years the Farmers Union has carried on many activities, of great benefit to our members and those engaged in agricultural pursuits. Among these activities are hundreds of co-operative grain elevators, with terminal marketing facilities, and which have been of untold value to the grain farmers of the nation. Then, in the cotton belt co-operative gins have rendered equal service to the farmers there. Farmers Union live stock commission firms on a dozen of the largest markets of the country handle millions of cattle, hogs and sheep each year, on a basis that means more to the producers. Scattered over the agricultural states are several thousand Farmers Union co-operative produce stations, with many butter factories, and cold storage plants, that helps a million farm women to get a little more for their poultry and dairy products.

Perhaps no activity of the Farmers Union offers greater direct benefit to those, who become members, than our various lines of insurance. Unorganized farmers, we want you to know that the Farmers Union has, ready for your use, fire, lightning, tornado and hail insurance to cover any kind of property you may have. It has automobile insurance, compensation insurance, and legal reserve life insurance ready for your use at a big saving.

We want our members and farmers everywhere to know that the only way any group can ask the Departments of Government the things it needs or protest against the things that hurt, is to be an organized group.

Fourth, that we agree to get behind our legislative program in state and nation with all the force and energy we possess.

Our Relation to the Federal Farm Board

Whereas, there has been enacted by Congress a law known as the Agricultural Marketing Act, and under its provisions the President has appointed a Federal Farm Board to administer the act;

And Whereas, we do not admit that this act affords all for which agriculture asked, nor to which it is entitled, we believe there are great possibilities of benefit for farmers and their organizations through its provisions and administration;

And Whereas, the Farm Board has shown a willingness to seek the counsel and advice of organized agriculture, and to serve agriculture effectively;

And Whereas, the Farmers National Grain Corporation, the first of the corporations to be set up for operating in relation to the Farm Board, is designed to encourage and strengthen the co-operatives, and that it provides for the central control of commodities for bargaining power, and yet is itself controlled by the co-operatives;

And Whereas, this corporation form will be the undoubted pattern for corporations to be set up for other commodities, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we put our approval upon the work which has been done by the officials of the Farmers Union in influencing the shaping of both the Farm Act and the machinery for its operation; that we urge that our institutions participate in the new proposals heartily; that we assume as fully as possible our share of responsibility in central administration; and that we accept the task of organizing fully the areas we occupy, bringing the largest possible percentage of producers into co-operative marketing relationship through the Farmers Union, and of entering at once such other fields as seem properly to belong to and depend upon us for organization.

Co-Operative Education

We endorse the action of the Federal Farm Board in its decision to work through the Extension Department to teach the theory and practice of co-operative marketing, and to impress upon farmers and particularly farm boys and girls, the advantage of co-operation in solving the marketing problems of agriculture. And we urge upon the President of every state Union to use the influence of his organization to secure from his legislature statutory provision for the teaching of co-operative marketing in all rural schools and in vocational courses in high schools.

National Publicity

We suggest a National column in all of our state papers, conducted under the direction of our National President, giving us an open view of the work of the National Farmers Union, and particularly give us a clear understanding of the progress of our legislative program at Washington and elsewhere.

National Birthday

The Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America was born in Raines County Texas, September 2, 1902. Your committee believes that the date of the birth of the Union should be observed annually by every loyal member of the Union.

We recommend that the National President and the State Presidents issue annual proclamations calling on all locals to commemorate this birthday of the Union by preparing special programs and holding special meetings.

Whereas, the Safety of the Republic demands that no radio monopoly be allowed to exist in the United States, therefore be it Resolved by the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America in convention assembled, that it protests against any effort to repeal or to weaken the anti-trust provisions of the present radio law.

Exchange of Periodicals

We recommend that where practical each of our Farmers Union periodicals put on its exchange list the names of the officers and directors of each state Union.

JOHN A. SIMPSON
C. C. TALBOTT
J. D. REYNOLDS
C. A. WARD
C. N. ROGERS
JOE ATKINS

agers out in the west part of the state who have not co-operated fully in the past with us to do so next year. Give us a chance and we will prove we are just as good, if not better than the other fellow.

This concluded the Jobbing Association report.

Mr. Huff spoke of the record they have made in the past few years.

Just a few words as to what has occurred in the grain business. We can say we have current profits at the end of the October of about \$60,000.00 for the year unless we thought it is necessary that the condition was in relation to co-operative grain marketing. That money is not very much so far as the institution is concerned. That money is not very much so far as the institution is concerned. It is necessary that it shows a profit but there is something much bigger than that. Two years ago last June the capital stock of this institution was impaired to the extent of 33,000. There was a deficit of that amount. That has been overcome. The capital stock has been put at par. It is

worth 100 cents on the dollar. The Jobbing Association had 95 shares of stock in the Farmers Union bank that was listed among the assets and they were moved out of the assets and over to the liability side with 50 per cent added as double liability.

That cost was met out of the income of the association. In addition to that, a total of \$80,000.00 charged against the Jobbing association and it has paid off every cent of it and has built a surplus equal to its total capital. We did this because of the change of conditions and management and heartened response in the country.

The new program for grain handling contemplates the entry into it of our own institution as one of the important factors in it. It will mean increased receipts and a much larger and complete co-operation. Substantially higher earnings and an important place in the entire nationalized grain marketing scheme. It is the best days that every faced the Kansas Farmers Union, not only in relation to

grain but live stock and produce, as we shall see.

Next in order of business was nomination of officers.

W. P. Lamberton presiding.

Nominations for the office of President of the Kansas Farmers Union were called for.

O. C. Service, of Winfield:

Members of the Farmers Union in the state of Kansas who are assembled here to put forward one of the most responsible positions we have to offer. I would like to bring before the group this morning one gentleman of wide experience in the co-operative line. He is well and favorably known throughout the state. He is a real dirt farmer, and organizer, capable of obtaining results. He can get out of men what he wants to get out of them. We want to place this candidate before you and it is your pleasure, we would certainly appreciate having his name placed on the ballot. I trust that you may see fit to place him at the head of this organization of the state Farmers Union. We respectfully submit the name

of U. S. Alexander of Cowley county.

James W. Anderson:

Fellow Farmers Union members,

Out in the grassy spots of Douglas county the past several years there has been slowly developing a Farmers Union product that has really astonished us. We discovered him and helped him start on his way. A man who has proven himself a real leader of men, not only in the Farmers Union work but in all community and local work which he was called upon to perform. A man who today is big enough and broad enough not only physically but intellectually to be president of the Kansas Farmers Union which might be bestowed upon him and who is today the honored president of the Douglas county Farmers Union. I wish to place in nomination for president of the Kansas Farmers Union no other than Cal A. Ward of Lane Star.

A. M. Kinney:

I do not know when I have had anything give me greater pleasure than to get up here and second the nomination of Mr. Ward. I know what he has been doing over in his home county. He is a young man who can give us ability and service. He is not connected with any other farm organization. He will give his whole time to this Farmers Union. It gives me great pleasure to get up here and second this nomination for Cal Ward. Mr. Bartlett of Johnson county. The Farmers Union is a very great organization and with the fruits of our labor we are going to make it much greater than it is now. The one thing this organization must have in order to make it complete and proper and healthy is harmony. It is the one thing we have been a little shy on within the past few years, not because any member or official was consciously doing anything to retard the progress of the organization but I believe almost wholly these little sore spots have been the result of misunderstanding almost altogether. We must get together and pull together. I want to see the various elements of the Farmers Union which are not in complete accord drawn together so

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FARMERS UNION CREAMERY PAYS 1928 DIVIDENDS

Board of Directors Prorate Earnings In Full for Year. Dividend Checks To Be Mailed

A number of letters have been received at the Creamery Office from our Produce members inquiring as to when the 1928 dividends would be paid. It was deemed advisable by the Board of Directors of the Produce and Creamery that the dividends for the year 1928 be withheld until sometime in the Fall as a large amount of money is required to handle the large volume of cream and eggs handled during the flush seasons.

However, at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Farmers Union Cooperative Produce Association, action was taken to the effect that the 1928 cream earnings be prorated in full to each member on the basis of his respective butterfat deliveries and that one cent per pound be paid immediately and the balance be credited to the members' account to be paid at a later date, the payment of the one cent to begin as soon after October 1, 1929 as possible.

Also, action was taken authorizing the management of the Creamery to mail the dividend checks to the station managers or cream operators and instruct them to distribute the checks to the owners.

Immediately the Creamery Office began preparing the dividend checks and now has them ready to begin distribution. The Produce Association members will be able to obtain their checks from the station manager or cream operator.

The Board of Directors also thought it advisable to withhold a portion of the earnings to be used as working funds and for development purposes. However, the entire earnings have been prorated and the unpaid portion is being set up to the credit of the individual producer. Approximately \$23,000 is being distributed by these checks.

To Mr. Frank Bongartz, Ellis, Kansas, goes the largest dividend check. Mr. Bongartz is a large producer and a most loyal Farmers Union member. He delivered over five thousand pounds of butterfat during the year 1928.

WANTS TO CONTINUE IN THE FARMERS UNION

Nov. 25, 1929.

A. M. Kinney:
Dear Sir: Find enclosed check for \$6.75 for which credit my dues in the Union for the years of 1928-29. I just came across a card notifying me to pay the 1928 dues and I believe that I am in arrears.

I had a membership at Modoc, Kan., but since leaving there I understand the local has ceased to function. So far as I know I am the only member at or near Leoti. This is Equity territory, but I want to retain my membership in the Union. The paper alone is worth the price of the annual dues to one who is interested in farm organization work.

Hoping this will be satisfactory, I remain,

THOS. F. JEFFRIES.

steel bands cannot pull them apart. We cannot afford to make mistakes. Every mistake we make causes us to go back and we are losing time. We cannot afford to lose any more time. We are going to die sometime and I would like to see results coming from this organization before we reach that point. The most important thing we have to do today is to elect a standard bearer for not this year but for a period of years. We cannot afford to swap horses in the middle of every stream we come to. Several delegations from different parts of the state have asked me to second the nomination of Cal A. Ward. He did not ask me to do it. He did not ask anyone to vote for him and he is not going to. Cal Ward will be president.

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IMPORTANT MEETING

There will be a hearing before the Public Service Commission at Kansas City, Dec. 11-12, at the Baltimore Hotel, on the question of grain car distribution in times of car shortage. Every Farmers Union manager who can possibly come, should be there. The line elevator companies are trying to have the rule of car and about in times of car shortage, made permanent. This works a hardship on the farmers elevators, forcing the farmers to take their wheat to the old line elevators. What we want is a rule basing the car distribution in times of shortage on the previous year's business. This will be no hardship on anyone, as the cars would then be furnished exactly on the same basis as they would if there was not a car shortage. If you will notify me at once I will obtain half fare for you if you travel by rail. Come out to this meeting.

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Notice to Secretaries and Members of Farmers Union of Kansas. We want all the news about the Locals and what you are doing. Send in the news and thereby help to make your official organ a success.

Change of Address—When change of address is ordered, give old as well as new address, and R. F. D.

All copy, with the exception of notices and including advertising, should be in seven days before the date of publication. Notices of meetings can be handled up until noon Saturday on the week preceding publication date.

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

SALINA, KANSAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1929



SENATOR MOSES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE EXPLAINS

Senator Moses says that in calling the insurgent senators "Sons of Wild Jackasses," he took his reference from the Bible in which Wild Asses are referred to as animals having considerable independence. Now that is not so bad; but we are glad that the Hon. Senator has recognized that the farmers of the agricultural states have at last become a little independent in their political and economical thinking. We do not blame the Senator so much for getting peeved; we have been letting him and his kind from the New England states do our thinking for us for so long, that they believed they had a vested right to continue to do so; but when they stick a burr under our tails like the "Hawley Tariff Bill," they should not be surprised if we kick over the traces and run wild.

The Senator further says, that the insurgent group should be thankful that he had not put his real opinion of the insurgents into words. He says too, that a regular chorus of thanksgiving has come to him from New England, because he had the courage to say that every one in that part of the country believed.

The Senator's real opinion of us would probably read something like this, "Socialists, Anarchists, Traitors." And this, because we believe that we are entitled to equal rights in the high protection tariff fetish which is claimed as the exclusive property of these industrial states of the East.

This explanation of the distinguished Senator only shows more plainly his venomous animosity, stirred up by a few courageous senators who, regardless of party lash, are standing firm for the equality of agriculture with industry in the making of a new protective tariff.

FARM STORAGE

Montana and North Dakota have farm storage laws which allow the farmers of those states to store their wheat on their own farms, in their own bins, and receive storage warehouse receipts for it; these receipts are accepted by the intermediate credit banks, and loans made on them on about seventy per cent of the value of the wheat; then the Federal Farm Board will make additional loans, at the present time, to more than the market value of the wheat. The Farm Board loan is at the rate of three and three-eighths per cent interest. This is part of the stabilization program of the Federal Farm Board.

There is no reason why we can not have such a law in Kansas. Write to your Senator or Representative in the Legislature and ask them to investigate these laws on farm storage.

FEDERAL FARM BOARD HAS NO FAVORITES

There is a good deal of propaganda put out by certain individuals, that their organization is the only one organized in the proper way to get loans from the Federal Farm Board. I hope none of our Farmers Union members, or managers will get excited over these statements, as we want to assure you that The Farmers Union of Kansas, through the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, will be in shape to get any concessions that any other group will get.

The Federal Farm Board is not playing any favorites; any Farmers Union elevator which will join the elevator federation, will be able to get for itself or its members any consideration that any other group will be able to get.

The Farmers Union Jobbing Association does not need to borrow any money for itself, as it has ample funds to take care of its business; but any funds loaned to elevators, must come through the Jobbing Association. The thing to do is, sign up your elevator in the elevator federation and put your self in position to receive the benefits accruing to you as a member of the federation.

"SONS OF WILD JACKASSES"

Songs have been snug and stories told,
Of deeds achieved by knights of old,
Of men who dared a ruler's wrath,
Of men who blocked a tyrant's path,
But we have men as brave as they;
Who do not take the easier way,
But boldly brave the party lash,
To save the farmers' hard-earned cash.

They face the tariff plutocrats
Defying party autocrats,
And boldly issue a demand
That sturdy tillers of the land,
Shall have at least, an equal share,
(Although the tariff is a snare)
In any high protective tax
That's placed upon the people's backs.

Believing Agriculture's plight
Is worthy of a fearless fight,
These sons of western pioneers,
Regardless of New England's sneers,
Are gaily mixing in the fray
To bring about a better day;
And every farmer in the land
Will honor this "Wild Jackass" band.

—A. M. KINNEY

The President's Column

(C. A. WARD)

NOTES AT RANDOM

Progress the Spirit of the National Farmers Union Convention

The 25th National Farmers Union Convention is a past record, and to say this convention excelled any previous convention in many respects, is very conservative indeed.

The program was an exceptional one and showed that much care and thought were taken into consideration in the arrangement of same.

The writer arrived by train in Omaha Tuesday morning Nov. 19 and found our headquarters, The Castle Hotel, well occupied by our people. Among the first to extend greetings was Charlie Barrett, the man who so faithfully guided our organization for so many years, and I observed he manifests the same interest and loyalty that has always been a characteristic of him in times past. As the day went on, the writer met and conversed with many old friends, including the state officers from many states, also it afforded the opportunity to make many new acquaintances, among them several new State Presidents.

We were made happy to see so many of our Kansas folks there, it demonstrates we Kansas folks have a keen interest and an abiding faith.

While the social atmosphere was fine and very essential to the success of the convention, yet one was impressed with the fact that all seemed to be there for business, and in the presentation of addresses it was demonstrated that much thought and preparation had been given the various topics by the speakers.

The various resolutions adopted by the convention, were well prepared and bespeak the keen interest our people have in public affairs, and especially through matters that directly apply to agriculture. These resolutions will no doubt appear in the columns of this paper from time to time and will be read and studied with much interest.

The Convention expressed keen interest and faith in the advancement and progress the Federal Farm Board is making, and the Farmers Union should appreciate the fact that some of our leaders are contributing very efficient help in the shaping of some of the policies that our interests may be well guarded.

While we do not say the Farm Board will be able to solve all our problems, yet we feel it is the best we have at our command and inasmuch as only cooperatives can participate, the writer feels we should extend our sympathy and support.

All the present officers of the National Organization were reelected except Mr. C. E. Brasted who has faithfully served as chairman of the Board of Directors, because of his failing health he was not a candidate and Mr. Emil Becker of Nebraska was elected on the Board of Directors.

The convention was free, to her credit, from all political maneuvering and jockeying and will be remembered as a convention fostering the spirit of progress in our march for better agricultural conditions.

The writer returned home, Lone Star, Friday, Nov. 22 and as our General Farm Sale was Monday the 25th, I found plenty to do. In my absence from the farm and dairy, Mrs. Ward and the hired men have had complete charge and should any community put on a milking contest, I want Mrs. Ward's name entered as a contestant, because I believe it would be a good way to win some easy money.

This last week has been a busy one for the writer. Sale on Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday were spent about the farm, as any one who has had a farm sale well knows that for a few days following a sale there are many matters to command one's attention. Thursday was Thanksgiving and we all attended a church service; think all should not neglect this, as we are all bound to be thankful for something. Friday we were in Topeka and Saturday in Kansas City. We are now actively at work on the job in Salina at the Headquarters office.

UNCLE ANDY SAYS:



"It's so soon that it's done for
We wonder what it was begun for."
—The Tariff.

The industrial east is getting hysterical. The "blow up" on the stock exchange, the coalition senators slashing their tariff rates, Brookhart's speech on the "millions" banquet with silver hip flasks handy for the guests, all coming at once is just more than their nerves can bear.

The western progressive senators are the fiends incarnate. Senator Fess of Ohio calls them "pseudo Republicans"; Senator Moses of New Hampshire called them "Sons of Jackasses"; Senator Reed of Pennsylvania says, "they are worse than communists" and Grundy of Pennsylvania, he of manufacturers association fame, puts on the cap sheet by telling the senate committee that these progressive senators are "from the backward states and that they ought to talk damn small in tariff matters." He also calls Iowa and Kansas "comical states."

And all of this hysteria simply because a majority of senators are faithfully trying to carry out the very purpose for which the president called the special session, viz. to aid agriculture by increased tariffs and incidentally to patch any weak places in the industrial lists.

A great hue and cry is raised because the senate majority has added the debenture to the tariff bill. Pray what is agriculture to get out of tariff protection without it? Our principal cash crops, wheat, cotton, corn,

pork and tobacco, cannot be protected unless by some plan as the debenture. Butter, milk eggs and poultry, flax, beef, etc., are already moderately protected. If what are farmers to get out of it anyhow even if this latter list of products is raised so long as our major cash crops have to meet world competition?

We hope farmers are not again fooling themselves as they did with the Fordney-McCumber bill of 1922. It's idle to talk about levies against our island possessions. They are United States territory and such levies would do violence to the constitution.

For example take butter and eggs, does anyone know if we are getting full benefit now from existing tariffs? We have long been of the opinion (and we see it corroborated by Senate debates) that unless an industry is organized to hold its prices up to the tariff wall it does not get full protection. I hope farmers will think this over.

Does anyone remember if butter prices went up after presidential mandate added four cents per pound to its protection? It did not, but, anything, went lower. How about it, brother farmers, are we just fooling ourselves; following a mirage?

We regret very much to say (but someone must say it) that President Hoover's scheme to help agriculture by increased tariffs will be a dismal failure unless some way is found to make tariffs effective on surplus exports either by issuing debentures or by an equalization fee or some other plan that may be devised.

The president is said to be opposed to the debenture. Very well, let him devise some other way to make protection effective on our principal cash crops, or face defeat at the hands of the great agricultural sections of the middlewest and south. We don't believe farmers are going to stand for being fooled much oftener. The only solution is better prices.

If these notes should happen to be read by some of our western congressmen, we warn them to have a care about their flippant talk of knocking the debenture out in the house of representatives or in conference. Farmers may take it into their heads to knock them out in 1930.

Senator Norris has weakened a little in writing his debenture amendment. He has made it's effectiveness optional with the president or with the principal cash crops, wheat, cotton, corn,

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

MIAMI COUNTY

The Miami County Farmers Union No. 59 will hold its annual meeting in the City Hall at Paola on the 14th day of December at 1:30. The election of officers for the ensuing year will be one of the important matters of business. Reports of delegates to our state meeting and reports of all committees, also a financial report of secretary-treasurer. Election of delegates to the different meetings to be held later. This is a very important meeting and every one should attend it. Several business propositions will be discussed at this time. Reports of our members will be given. We may have a state speaker. There will be something doing all the time, so get ready and be there and do your part. Local speakers are available at any time for your local. If you want help notify the county secretary. Now it is the duty of every local in the county to send delegates to this meeting, so send every member that can possibly be there and don't forget the ladies for we need them at this meeting.

W. SLYTER, Pres.
W. J. PRESCOTT, Secy.

OSAGE COUNTY

The regular annual meeting of the Osage County Farmers Union will be in Overbrook for all day meeting Thursday, Dec. 12, 1929.
Elmer Tomquist, Sec.

Amiot, Kan, Nov. 23, 1929

Dear Aunt Patience:
I will send in my lesson today. I'm glad you had a good time at Parsons. You wrote and said that sisters could use the same book. That's all right with me. I must have not read where you said that two in a family could use the same book.

Your niece,
Maxine Snodgrass.

P. S. When do you send the grade?

datory and effective instant. The protected industries don't take any chances like that on their schedules. They are immediately effective.

Wheat and cotton away below production cost and still going down. Every time Mr. Legge tells us to hold on to our crop board, the prices are bound to go up. The board of trade slaps him in the face and puts down prices. It's a very interesting situation, if it wasn't so darned serious.

Permit me to repeat what is corroborated by many well informed grains men, viz. that the Chicago board of trade is setting the world's prices on grain. Canadians and even foreign countries are "hedging" their sales on the Chicago market.

It's idle to talk of orderly marketing and loaning money to grain pools. Let the big board put its money behind the Farmers Grain Corporation to go on the market and eventually control it and have something to say about prices. Let them quit fooling and get down to brass tacks. A. S.

FROST AND SIKES COME TO AGREEMENT

After all John Frost and Bill Sikes agree as to the correct theory of taxation. We just did not understand each other. I agree that single tax is a dead issue as commonly understood. However, "truth never dies" and land restoration including all it contains to the people, as proposed by Henry George in his book Progress and Poverty published fifty years ago, is very much alive today, and the need is far greater than ever. Correct organization, education and co-operation on the part of labor including dirt farmers will bring peace and plenty. The fact is we neither want tax as now understood nor do we want a tariff that forces farmers to buy on a protected market and sell on an unprotected market. As I write and

CLAY CO. ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Clay County Farmers Union will be held at Idylwild School House, 8 1/2 miles north and 3 miles east of Clay Center, Friday evening, Dec. 13, 1929 at 8 o'clock. Election of officers and other important business.
M. L. BECKMAN, Pres.
THOS. E. LARSON, Sec.

LINN COUNTY MEETING

The fourth quarterly meeting of Linn county will be held at the G. A. R. hall at La Cygne on the second Saturday in December, the 14th. This meeting will be the election of officers for the coming year. There will be a basket dinner at noon.
MARY BARNETT,
Cor. Sec'y.

ELLIS COUNTY

The Ellis County Union will hold their 4th quarterly meeting at Hays on Saturday, December 14th at one o'clock P. M.

LEO RAJEWSKI, Sec.

FARMERS UNION PEOPLE DO A KINDLY ACT

Baldwin City, Kansas
Nov. 28, 1929

The Kansas Union Farmer
Salina, Kansas.

I will send you a little item for our Union paper.

On Saturday, November 23, 27 farmers union members and neighbors of Geo. Williams who just recently passed away met at his home and husked about two hundred bushels of corn also cut and sawed about twenty loads of wood and did other chores for the family.

Everyone worked cheerfully and went home feeling as good a kind

and brotherly act had been done.

Those present were:
H. H. Ulrich, D. W. Johanning, Arthur Reser, Bert Stuton, Mike Hadl, A. P. Foster, W. T. Howard, D. M. Shottwell, Lewis Tucker, John Churchbaugh, L. M. Williams, A. L. Winters, A. D. Winters, C. A. Puckett, Arthur Rockhold, Earl Lederer, Fred Purvis, Clarence Johnson, Earl White, Virgil Landis, G. C. Ross, L. B. Snyder, Chas. Gleason, Orville Puckett, E. S. Heaton, Roy Merchant, W. W. Vaughn.

Yours truly,
L. M. Williams,

ZEPHYR LOCAL 1622

Conway Springs, Kan., Summer county. On November 18, Mr. Howard Whitaker came back here to help us with the Bulk Oil station which we are trying to put in here.

Tuesday night we held a meeting at Milton, Kansas, to get the Farmers out there interested. We had very good luck.

On Wednesday night we had an Independent oil man that wanted to give us a talk on the oil business, to show us it was not all sunshine. After his talk we heard a good talk from Mr. Whitaker and to the surprise of mo. all he introduced our union oil company manager, from Kansas City, Mr. Howard Cowden. Mr. Cowden gave us a talk that was well worth listening to. Of which has helped to boost this oil station along, and out local is sure going to grow. We intend to start the station after January 1, 1930. Hope you have a little space left to print this and show other locals we are going strong.

J. L. Jones, local secy.

NOTICE TO LOCAL SECRETARIES

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ed States supreme court said that he thought he had disposed of Henry George's Progress and Poverty but should be obliged to consider again when such man as Prof. John Dewey upheld the principles so strongly.

We are able to quote many other prominent men and educators to show that single tax is a live issue but need not take up the space at this time.

Before one can understand the view point of Henry George's followers they must understand the law of human progress; which includes the knowledge of the laws of distribution and the effect of material progress on the distribution of wealth. The granting of the monopoly of some part of nature or some part of nature's storehouse such as land, oil, timber, mineral or water falls is responsible for our many millionaires and also results in unemployment and poverty. These millionaires have the ability to pay taxes but we find it very difficult to get it away from them after they have once gotten possession of it. We believe the better plan is for Uncle Sam to collect all ground rents in place of taxes which will set the people free from monopoly and there will be no opportunity to speculate in Nature's storehouse or what was intended for the use of all. We have recently seen stocks based on owning a monopoly raise to unusual prices and then take a sudden decline that ruined many especially the small investor. This could not have happened with land for use and not for speculation.

We desire to create study and an interest in the high schools and for this purpose offering small prizes which we hope will bring results. Thanking Mr. Frost for his courtesy we will drop the argument for the present.

W. H. SIKES.

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THE DRY GOODS BOX

Leonardville, Kansas
Nov. 27, 1929

Mr. A. M. Kinney, Editor,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

We are much interested in reading the account of Alma Farmers Union Co-operative Association success. Two points in connection with success of co-operative business we have written and spoken of before which are mentioned in this article, first, the manager, and second the directors such as is apparent Alma has been fortunate in having. We are able to point to a number of failures in towns near Leonardville, while here in Leonardville, also in Olsburg and Green adjacent towns they have met with success.

About a year ago we called attention to the fact that our state institutions of higher learning should endeavor to offer education to those who desired to become managers of co-operative organizations doing business in Kansas. Much time and money is being spent to fit farm boys and others to become superintendents and experts for our great corporations in other industries while very little attention has been given to education in favor of co-operative industry. One reason we offer for this is that individual business men are naturally opposed to aiding co-operative industry and use their influence against the president or teachers in a public school or college who are so radical as to encourage co-operative industry. It is up to the farmers of Kansas who to a large extent pay for the schools of the state to demand greater attention be given to the needs of co-operative industry.

We believe a large general co-operative store similar to that in Alma should be located in every county as one of the factors in your co-operative movement. We will illustrate by pointing to Clay Center. There is a good opening in Clay Center for a store of this character, the old time merchants in this town carrying a general line are being rapidly displaced by the chain stores. How much better is it that a co-operative store should displace us old time merchants than chain stores. We point to the failure of Manhattan of a large general store business which we believe is solely due to the lack of proper managed co-operation.

While education cannot in all cases turn out good co-operative managers it will aid the same as it is doing in other industries.

W. H. Sikes.

THE FABLE OF THE WISE SALESMAN AND HIS TWO ANGELS

And behold, there came through the gates of the city a Salesman from afar off. And it came to pass that as days went by he sold large Scauds of Stuff. They that were Grouches smiled on him and gave him the Glad Hand. The Tight Wads opened their purses to him.

And there were buyers who would squeeze a penny until the blood flowed from Caesar's nose. And behold, even they took the Stranger to the Great Inn and filled him with much Fine Eats.

And those of the City that were Order Takers and they that spent their days adding to a Swindle Sheet were astonished. They said one to the other, "How does he get away with it?" But they knew not. It came to pass that many of them gathered in the smoking room of the Inn. And a sooth-sayer walked in on them. And he was one Wise Guy.

And they spoke to him and said: "Tell us, O Sooth-sayer, how come?"

This man hath come among us from afar off. He goeth about in a flivver from the early morn until night gathering Large Bunches of Goudy.

And he, while we who are of the City, behold, our Order Books are blank and we fear to report to the Sales-Man-ager, lest he smite us hip and thigh. The Sooth-sayer said: "He of whom you speak, verily, is one Hester. On Ariseth early in the morn and goeth forth full of pep. He bellyacheth not, neither doth he knock. He is arrayed in purple and fine linen, while you go forth with faces unshaven and holes in your socks.

"While you gather here and say one to the other, 'Verily, it is a rotten day to work, he is already abroad, and when the eleventh hour cometh he needeth no Alibi. The Poolroom attracts him not, and the Movies he passeth by with a look of Cold Scorn on his Snoot.

"He smileth alike on the just and the unjust. He sayeth not to the Big Boss, 'Behold, they that are in this town are a bunch of Boneheads, neither doth he say, Verily, everywhere I have called they were out, nor doth he report that, 'They are all stocked up,' and then tie himself to a poster game.

"He knoweth his line, and they that would stand him off, give him orders. Men say unto him, Nay, when he cometh in, yet when he goeth forth he hath their names on the line that is dotted.

"He hath taken with him two angels, Aspiration and Perspiration. He knoweth whereof he speaketh, he worketh to beat the band.

"Verily I say to you, 'Go thou and do likewise.'

But they answered and said, "Old Stuff! Outside! We have heard all that but." And they would not, but called for a new Deck.

HONOR ROLL

Below is the honor roll up to date member paid up for the year. We have 75 counties in the state that have 208 locals that have every have farmers union locals and 61 of these have honor roll locals. You can see by looking over the list the counties that have the greatest number.

There are a few that would not need to work very hard to get all their members paid. The honor roll is made up of locals that have all the members paid for this year that paid last year. Counting out the ones who drop out, or die or move away.

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Chalk Creek 1580

Cedar Creek 1604

Pretty Creek 1652

Hendricks Creek 1641

Sunny Slope 1861

Lone Cedar 1864

Temple 1891

Turkey Creek 1898

Freemont 2114

WASHINGTON COUNTY 2016

Logan 582

Emmons 783

Pleasant View 832

Pleasant Ridge 880

Excelsior 960

Pleasant Ridge 1100

Sunny Side 1142

Liberty 1427

Haystack 1427

Guiding Star 1285

WOODSON COUNTY 2150

Plum Creek 2148

Liberty 2088

Bayard 2158

Silver Leaf 2049

Fairmount 2056

Hyatt 2091

ATCHISON COUNTY 1837

Cummins 233

BARTON COUNTY 233

Odin 233

BROWN COUNTY 1086

Carson 1086

Meadow Brook 1167

Prairie College 1227

Prairie Springs 1288

Temple 1431

Diamond 1820

CHASE COUNTY 1632

Hickland 1632

New Hope 1632

Mittler 1632

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CRAWFORD COUNTY 408

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LOOK OVER THIS COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Your own firm is pleased to call attention to this statement comparing our earnings for the first ten months of this year with the earnings for the first ten months of 1928. You can see that your firm is working for you and that a good patronage dividend is assured for stockholder customers at the end of the year.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FIRST TEN MONTHS

OF 1928 AND 1929.

	1928	1929
Net earnings, ten-month period.....	\$ 18,088.73	\$ 26,519.45
Average net earnings per car load.....	3.84	5.45
Total valuation live stock handled.....	8,877,908.50	9,474,391.10
Total number car loads handled, drive-ins reduced to car loads.....	4,709	4,861
Total number of head handled.....	321,575	320,461

Note the improvement over last year in net earnings per car load. These profits go back to stockholder customers. Last year, with net earnings for the entire year at \$3.86 per car, we paid back 22 percent of all commissions collected. Our total net earnings so far this year exceed the net earnings for the entire year of 1928, which amounted to \$21,834.55.

It Pays to Patronize
YOUR OWN CO-OPERATIVE LIVE STOCK MARKETING FIRM
FARMERS UNION LIVE STOCK COMMISSION CO.
Stock Yards G. W. HOBBS, Mgr. Kansas City, Mo.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

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ELMDALE FARMERS UNION HOLDS SUCCESSFUL MEETING

In spite of the cold snap, and the hordes of a postponed meeting, a better than average crowd turned out for the fourth quarterly meeting of the Elmdale Farmers Union, at the Elmdale High School, last Saturday evening, Nov. 23, and those present were unanimous in declaring it the best county meeting in years.

The feature of the musical program was the Elmdale Orchestra, which is undoubtedly the premier musical organization of the county. Mention must also be made of the excellent vocal solo by Mrs. John Wells, and the vocal and instrumental duets by the novelty team of Parsons and Parsons (Arthur and Claude). Neither Henry Field nor Doc Brinkley has anything better.

The main speaker of the evening was T. R. Wells, who gave a report of the recent state meeting at Parsons. Judging by the enthusiasm it inspired in T. R., the state meeting must have been good. The delegate had little difficulty in holding the crowd's interest and attention for an hour.

In the business meeting, the secretary made his annual report, and in the election of officers which followed, the entire ticket was re-elected for another year. The officers are: W. E. McCabe, president, Mrs. Jesse Stanley, vice-president, and Willard Greene, secretary-treasurer. All are from Bazaar. Strong City was selected as the place for the next meeting.

Otherwise, the principal business was a discussion of plans for taking part in the state-wide campaign for increased membership and renewed interest in the Union. It was decided the Board to choose a man and if he is secretary he can do the work on the paper conveniently close. He is particularly gifted as a writer. With all his ability he writes easily and in nice style. Walt Mason has never written any better poetry or prose than he does. Putting everything together, I think we should continue him as Secretary for this next year.

F. M. Gilmer:

I have the honor of bringing before

you the name of a man who is well qualified to fill this position. A man who has been head of the Pacific northwest potato growers association, the apple growers association, and the poultry and egg association. A man who was the foundation layer of our own produce association. A man who has been superintendent of that association ever since its organization and is well qualified for that position as Secretary. Who is well

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