

"A CITY OF PALACES" A STORY OF A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT

that they were all some part of our great Co-operative Marketing Institution. I saw a lot of old men sitting on the doors, and the same companies in the offices, and all of them seemed to be dealing in the farmers' products as usual. I began to get a little worried; but I was sure that when I reached the top floor I would find the change; that instead of a crowd of gamblers gambling in the floor, I would find the farmers' products of life. I would find this floor occupied with conscientious men trying to get for the farmers a little larger return for his products.

As I came to the door and started to go in, I saw a sign on the wall. It would have to get a card before I could be admitted; I swelled up and told him I was one of the owners of this building, and in the future farmers would not need a card in order to get in. You ought to have had a sign on the wall that said, "You poor men, you are crazy; and there are enough crazy men in here now; if you do not believe it, just glance over to the wheat pit." I looked, and I saw he was right; there was the same old crowd of gamblers gambling in the floor, in perfect imitation of a bunch of crazy men. I saw that this was no place for me, so I turned sorrowfully away, and the last thing I heard was the doorkeeper shouting at me, "Thinking that you were one of the owners of this building is certainly a ripe joke on you."

Of course I knew that something had gone wrong with my conclusion that we owned this building, although I knew that the farmers' money had built it. I was terribly disappointed, and I decided to go to the Farmers' Union stockholders' meeting. I moped around completely soured.

I want every farmer to look up the February 2nd issue of the Kansas Union Farmer and cut out the picture on the front page of the entrance to the Farmers' Union building. You will see our sign over the entrance, and it is the only sign on the build-

brass watch and some money that this sign will be taken off, and when it is, I want you to figure out who this joke was on.

The next time any of you farmers go to Kansas City, and you walk around admiring the great commercial palaces, try and figure how much your investment amounts to in these buildings. Everyone one of you helped build them, but you have a clouded title to them.

A. M. KINNEY.

Depreciation ..	110.64
Total Expenses ..	5,734.42
Net Profit	\$ 2,622.10

COMMENT—The U. S. Board of Tax Appeals ruled in October, 1926, that under the Kansas Co-operative

Law, interest on capital expense is	
taxable and a part of the net earn-	
ings. For this reason, it has been	
excluded from the expense account.	
Notes	
Profits before any deductions	
were made	\$ 4,618.35
Less interest on capital	
stock	560.00
Profits for computation of	
refunds	4,058.35
Refunds to stockholders,	
6 1-2 per cent on	
\$30,711.04	1,986.25
Non-stockholders' earnings..	2,062.10
Add interest on capital	
stock (taxable)	560.00
Net profit shown on balance	
sheet	\$ 2,622.15
Volumes and Percentages	
Stockholders' busi-	
ness	\$30,711.04—48 per cent
Non-stockholders'	
business ..	32,386.25—52 per cent
Total busi-	
ness	\$63,097.29—100 per cent
Gross profit before refunds	
.....	per cent

Cost of operating	9.0 per cent
Interest on capital stock	7.4 per cent
Net profit	9 per cent
Net profit	6.5 per cent

Auditor's Statement

This condensed statement is prepared for the convenience of the stockholders. The detailed audit is on file at the store and open to inspection by the stockholders.

PERRY S. WHITE, Auditor.
Call for Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held at Black Wolf Tuesday, February 22, 1921, at 8 o'clock.

your union dues, as no prorate will be allowed unless you show your dues to your local board for 1927.

A. H. ROOT, Sec'y-Treas.
TOBIAS DOUBRAVA, Pres.

100 PER CENT LOCALS FOR THE WEEK

We have four 100 per cent locals to report for this week. Russell county, Sunrise, 735; Crawford county, Maple Grove, 1803; Norton county, Edmond, 690; Greenwood county, Kelly Branch, 1560. If all 100 per cent locals were sent in their meeting notices we will gladly put the notice in the Department of Practical Co-operation free of charge.

Soaking white clothes or linens in lukewarm soapy water will often prevent stains from setting.

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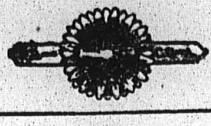
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Change of Address—When change of address is ordered, give old as well as new address, and R. F. D.

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



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1927

MINCE PIES AND CIGARETTES.

Senator Finley of Neosho is another recruit to the ranks of statesmen and reformers who would regulate the tastes, supervise the habits and curb the inclinations and tendencies of weak and unregenerate human flesh. He has just introduced a bill intended to check the consumption of mince pies. His theory is that indigestion and other ills follow the free and unlimited circulation and consumption of that particular form of food. He may be right at that, and also it is just possible that there are a lot of other so-called good things to eat that give pleasure in the mouth and make very serious trouble in other parts of the well-known alimentary canal. Every doctor and everyone knows that for every person who has been injured or killed by drink or tobacco there have been at least a dozen who have died of over eating.

Judge Finley doubtless was joking but at that his proposed anti mince pie legislation is no worse and not very different from scores of bills that have been introduced into various legislative bodies throughout the country. The city council of Little Rock has just enacted an ordinance which declares that at the age of six months a pup becomes a dog. Pennsylvania is considering a bill to require all members of the legislature to wear high hats, frock coats, striped trousers and spats in order that they may be distinguished from the lobbyists that crowd the corridors of the state capital at Harrisburg. This measure has one bitter opponent in Representative Helen Grimes of Allegheny county who declares that under no circumstances will she appear in a silk hat and striped breeches.

State Senator Charles Beaver of Oklahoma demands that it be made some sort of crime to circulate biscuits smaller than three inches in diameter and heavier than one inch in thickness. In North Carolina the legislature has just adopted a joint resolution that prohibits colored college presidents from riding in elevators used by the law-makers of that state. Representative Teague of the Texas legislature proposes a law to prevent any citizen of that state from carrying a pint of whiskey in his pocket for more than ten days, and that violation of the law shall be punished with a prison term of from three to six years.

There must be a lot of tall traveling men in New Hampshire. That state is considering a law to require all hotel beds to be at least seven feet long and that all awnings shall be at least seven feet from the sidewalks. Oregon may have a law forbidding the use of pictures of handsome young men in cigarette advertising. The Hon. Haywood of North Carolina, once a preacher and now a legislator, proposes a law to stop or punish the wicked and nefarious custom of "petting" and "necking." Virginia requires that every revolver in the state, there are at least 600,000, shall be registered. Up to date only about 50,000 gun totes have qualified.

Maryland is working on a bill to protect "green" and "sponge crabs" from whatever natural enemies threaten the extinction of those interesting fish. It seems that the female of the sponge crab species lays 100,000 eggs a year and Governor Ritchie and the solons of that state propose to encourage the lady crab in habits of industry. The Texas legislature, also intent on the protection of fish, proposes a bounty of 25 cents on dead pelicans. The Hon. Frank G. Gilbert would make it a penitentiary offense for a farmer to leave his gate open. House Bill No. 7 of New Hampshire "puts the purchaser of liquor on the same plane with seller."

Assemblyman Doyle of New York would require every heavy palor operative to be a person of good moral character and that no one should be allowed to practice that profession without a license from a state board "no two members of which shall be graduates of the same hair dressing school."

In Alabama it is a crime to sell near beer or any other beverage in a container that resembles a beer bottle. Tennessee has her famous anti-evolution statute. Texas prohibits card playing in public. New York proposes that alimony shall not be paid after the first year of separation.

These are only a few samples of the constructive work that is being done by our state law-makers throughout the country. All of which may provoke some to ask whether lack of humor or lack of sense is the most widely distributed characteristic of American law-makers.

Production credit for association members at 8-4 per cent is advertised by the Texas Cotton Growers' Finance Corporation, Dallas, rediscounting with the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank. Loans must be for production purposes only, and must be covered by adequate security. The sum of \$55,000,000 is available if required.

McNARY-HAUGEN OPPOSITION

A lot of folks who thought the other way at first are beginning to favor the McNary-Haugen surplus control bill because of the enemies that proposition has made. There may be a few farmers who do not believe that the proposed legislation would have any effect on the prices of farm products but the enemies of the bill who live in cities have no doubts at all. They know that it would make them pay more for what they eat. The following reprinted editorial from the Washington Post is fair example of the ignorance and prejudice of the opponents of farm relief:

"When the Chicago grain gamblers learned that the McNary-Haugen bill was scheduled to pass congress there was a scramble to accumulate wheat, and the price advanced. Why shouldn't it? The purpose of the bill is to raise the price of wheat.

"In spite of all disguises, the vicious character of the McNary-Haugen bill stands out. It is a plan to pinch American consumers for the benefit of producers. Thus class is arrayed against class, and the spirit of hatred is engendered.

"Many members of congress are inclined to vote for this monstrous measure because they are afraid of the farmers' vote. The bill is labeled a 'farm relief' measure; and rather than incur the opposition of the farmers, many legislators prefer to do injustice to consumers, who thus far have not organized and made threats of reprisals.

"The McNary-Haugen bill proposes to do away with the normal action of the law of supply and demand and to substitute for it a scheme whereby artificial shortages shall be created, thus boosting prices, and then, when prices have been raised, the 'surplus' is to be floated off upon consumers at the increased prices. If this plan should be successful there will always be a big surplus, and consumers will always pay excessive prices. If the surplus should not be worked off an equalization fee is to be levied against the product, which, of course, will be paid by the ultimate consumer.

"The plan is to be applied to cotton. Why cotton grower should be induced to enter into this scheme is beyond comprehension. The market for cotton can not be extended by withholding the product. Is it intended that the proposed federal farm board shall create an artificial shortage of cotton for export? An attempt to do so would merely result in piling up a still greater surplus. Cotton growers are raising a surplus already. The foreign market consumes just so much and no more. If growers are assured that their surplus will be cared for by the government board, they will greatly increase the output, and will be worse off than they are now. Americans will not buy this surplus, and neither will foreigners. Who will stand the loss? It can not be passed on to the ultimate American consumer, because there is no such animal.

"When cotton growers join wheat growers in supporting the McNary-Haugen bill they merely pave the way for an increase in their own cost of living. The price of wheat will go up, and the southern farmer will have to pay more for bread; but the price of cotton can not be boosted in the same proportion. On the contrary, the price of cotton is very likely to be hammered down under the operation of the McNary-Haugen bill, on account of the stimulus that will be given to overproduction. Thus the southern planter will get the worst of it.

"The McNary-Haugen bill is a plan for increasing the cost of bread, ham and bacon to American consumers. If the plan operates successfully it will have that effect. If it fails, the treasury stands to lose \$250,000,000. In either event the American taxpayer is to be the goat.

That is the proposal that is now pending in congress, and which is receiving the support of alleged statesmen."

Certificates of credit are being issued by the Lake Region Co-operative Egg and Poultry Producers' Association, Aitkin, Minn., for the purpose of showing the equity of each member in the capital reserve. As a result of two and one-half years of operation the reserve amounts to nearly \$5,000. As soon as a member's equity amounts to \$10, a certificate will be issued. Interest at the rate of 8 per cent from January 1, following date of issue, will be paid annually, the distribution of dividend checks being made a feature of the annual meeting.

MORE MONEY FOR FOOD

There are a lot of folks who are all worked up over the prospect of paying more money for what they eat if the McNary-Haugen bill is passed. Just why they should be worried over such an outlook no one has the sense to explain. The great increase in wages and railway freight rates have almost doubled the cost of food during the past ten years. This has helped the farmers not at all because they are not getting any more for their crops than they did ten years ago. It does not now worry the city folks because they have learned that high wages mean prosperity to a very large group of generous buyers.

If some miracle could be invoked to double the price of farm commodities over night the era of the greatest prosperity yet known in the history of this republic would begin the next day. Farmers who make no profits can get no goods from the merchants. Higher prices for food products should be regarded as insurance against any future shortage of eatables. It should be plain enough that farmers cannot keep on at present prices. They must have larger incomes or they will lose their homes and the country will soon be on a food importing basis.

Patriotism, humanity, common sense and common honesty all unite in the demand for higher farm incomes.

QUESTION FOR DEBATE

There are too many laws: Resolved that only every third session of the state legislature should be permitted to enact any new statutes.

There are too many dead, foolish and harmful laws: Resolved that the activities of two sessions one of three of the Kansas legislature should be devoted exclusively to the work of repealing laws.

THE LOCAL HONOR ROLL

The best way to get the name of your Local in the directory on the fourth page of this paper is to see to it that all the members are 100 per cent paid up for the year 1927. The Kansas Farmers Union has paid dividends in cash and service that indicate that it is the best and the most successful organization ever undertaken in this state. It is necessary not only to maintain but to strengthen the membership in our organization. The finest thing that could possibly be done at this time would be for every member of our organization to pay his dues in advance and do that right away.

Prompt payment of dues saves money, time and labor in so many ways that it would seem that all should indulge in that pleasant and profitable pastime without waiting for further persuasion. If we had all our 1927 income in the treasury our official family could plan intelligently and effectively for their work between now and the next state convention. Much money would be saved in office expenses. Much work, needed for organization, could be done.

It is still several weeks before the annual rush of spring work begins. Plenty of time to collect all outstanding dues and secure a few thousands of new members. Come on folks. Fill up the directory, the official treasury and the hearts of the men and women who are working so hard for organization, education and co-operation.

There should be at least four columns of directory but you can only get your local in there by submitting all dues or by paying regular advertising rates. The paper could use the money for paid notices but does not want to get its income that way. It's lots better to print a long list of fully paid up locals and it has a much better effect on those who doubt whether farmers will ever get together.

Service companies were established in eight Ohio counties during 1926 by the Ohio Farm Bureau Corporation, Columbus, for the purpose of assisting in the financing of local co-operative enterprises. Through the service company in Greene county, livestock concentration yards were acquired for use of the local livestock shipping association. Assistance was also given the Central Ohio Livestock Cooperative Association. There were 16 county service companies in the state at the close of 1926.

WISCONSIN HOLDS TWELVE CO-OPERATIVE INSTITUTES

Twelve co-operative institutes were conducted in the winter of 1925-26 by the Department of Farmers' Institutes of the Wisconsin College of Agriculture, according to a report from the superintendent of institutes, and a similar series is planned for the present season. So far the meetings have been of three days' duration.

Two of the 1925-26 institutes dealt with American cheese; three, with foreign cheese; four, with butter; and three, with eggs. The attendance ranged from 1,030 to 48 (during a storm), with an average of 414. Two hundred forty-one butter and cheese factories were represented at the various meetings, and at one, 53 factories were represented.

Each institute was located at a convenient point in a commodity area, and an effort was made to secure attendance, from a wide area, of representative producers, officers and directors of creameries and cheese factories, also persons who were likely to develop into good leaders.

The butter and cheese marketing institutes took on the character of congresses of factories in areas 30 to 40 miles in diameter. One man came 60 miles to represent his factory. The programs were not restricted to marketing work, but included production, and an effort was made to cover all the problems a co-operative has to meet. Financing of co-operatives and their business management were regular subjects on the programs. Great effort was made to secure well-informed speakers upon the different subjects, and the list included representatives of the College of Agriculture, the State Department of Markets, several county farm bureaus, and most of the prominent co-operative associations of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Among the results of the institutes the following are noted: (1) At eleven institutes the persons in attendance formulated constructive resolutions on merchandising either American cheese, foreign cheese, butter or eggs. (2) A delegation of 16 foreign cheese factory patrons made a trip to Plymouth to study methods of selling cheese. (3) At one institute a committee was appointed to draft a plan to reward cheese-makers for increasing the amount of cheese in the higher prices. (4) Steps were taken toward organizing a co-operative creamery unit for two counties. (5) One institute developed the idea of a co-operative creameries field day, which was a highly successful event. (6) A test for showing the bacterial content of milk was demonstrated at the dairy institutes, with the result that the Wisconsin Cheese Producers' Federation endorsed the use of this test and began presenting the necessary equipment for making it to the factories as prizes.

Three of the 1926-27 institutes will be held in the region producing American cheese; three, in the region producing foreign cheese; three in the region where creameries are numerous; two, in poultry and egg producing sections; and one, in a tobacco producing area.

Settlement of damage claims without litigation whenever possible, is the policy of the Northern Wisconsin Co-operative Tobacco Pool, Madison. This plan does away with court costs and is with unfavorable publicity and ill feeling. It is reported that the Pool has been successful in settling many cases without court expense to either the growers or the organization.

FARMERS' UNION AT SOUTH ST. PAUL

Livestock sales and purchases by the Farmers' Union Livestock Commission, South St. Paul, for 1926, amounted to \$5,301,196. The sales were \$6,194,560 and the purchases \$106,635. The animals handled numbered 205,999, as follows: Cattle, 23,305; calves, 19,498; hogs, 144,273; and sheep, 18,223. Commissions collected amounted to \$61,533, expenses of \$54,506, and net earnings to \$1,927. Expenses were 97 per cent of commissions. The field men for this organization are assisting farmers in unorganized parts of Minnesota and North Dakota to form livestock shipping associations.

CLIPPINGS AND COMMENT ON NEWS OF THE WEEK

Smith Has Returned

To Illinois a sick man and somewhat discouraged over his prospect of ever occupying the seat in the United States senate to which his own folks elected him last November. He was not permitted to swear in and presumably as he has taken no official oath he is not on the pay roll. This makes it worse for him than for the people of Illinois since that state can it is right hard for any senator or senator-elect to subsist without income.

One of these days it may occur to Smith and Vane that the constitution of the United States does not require that the senatorial oath of office shall be administered by the vice-president. All that is required is that each senator shall take an oath to protect, defend and preserve the constitution and faithfully discharge the duties of his office. He can do that just as well before a notary public across a cigar counter as in the senate chamber. True that kind of swearing in would be somewhat irregular, but it answers all right for the president and should do very well for a senator.

It may have escaped the memory of most folks but within our times two presidents, Theodore Roosevelt and Calvin Coolidge, have taken the oath before a justice of the peace.

There will be tax reform in Kansas yet this year if the farmers of our state will just forget their dread of new forms of raising public revenue and then get busy and demand action from the legislature even if some pet measures of the representatives of the untaxed interests get lost in the shuffle.

China Is Waking Up

From a sleep that has lasted a good many thousand years. We owe much to the Chinese. They invented gun powder, playing cards, Mah Jongg, chop sticks, rice, tea, filial worship, Confucian philosophy, and many other things useful and useful. It is a country of distances and multitudes, of many languages and few of the things that we call modern inventions. It has actual wealth beyond all competition. It has potential military power greater than any other nation east or present. For hundreds of years it has been known as the sleeping giant among the powers of this earth. Now that there is an awakening it is not too much to anticipate that the marvelous development that Japan may be more than duplicated in the country with far greater possibilities.

Some newspaper man said, a few days ago, that Mexico, Nicaragua, Turkey, Russia and other countries now in the midst of turmoils and shakings are making news but China is making history. What is now going on in Mexico is printed daily in the papers and will be forgotten in a year. What is forward at this time in China will be preserved in the imperishable history of this age and will live as long as mankind.

Keep informed on the March of events all over the world for these he-stirring times but keep an eye on China where the things of this generation will fit the things of the future.

There are a lot of divorce cases that would never be tried at all if they could not be heard in public. Time has come to close down the courts to the gossip and scandal lovers and purge the temples of justice of all suspicion that they are show houses.

Population Grows Rapidly in America

But it is the city and not the country that increases. There are many reasons for this but the first two are so important that the others can well be ignored. In the first place the present day young American can have a much better time in town than in the country. So he leaves there as soon as he can get away from the farm. In the second place it has become almost impossible to make a decent living on the farm.

The man who really believes that there will ever be a "back to the farm" movement in this country is blind to the effect of forces now active. Labor saving machinery has reduced the number of farm producers but there are more farmers than ever. The number of farm producers is too many retail merchants in this country. The farmers should work fewer acres, fewer hours and fewer plowed fields. They should produce their crops on smaller areas of land, get higher prices and learn to sell in an orderly fashion without competing with each other. If these things are done farm homes will become so attractive and farming will become so profitable that smart young country folks will stay in the country, but none who have moved to town are at all likely to go back to the farms.

Still less likely is that any of the real town born and bred will move to the country and stay there. A few may try it for an unfortunate and uncomfortable year or two but farming is a business that requires larger mental equipment than a sincere wish to live in the country and keep a bee.

Folks Are Increasing

Rapidly in numbers in this republic if the following facts selected from a recent census report are reliable:

"The population of the United States will have increased more than 1,500,000 between the first of July last year and the first of July, 1927, according to the estimate recently made public by the bureau of the census. The national census is taken every ten years, the next actual house-to-house canvass being scheduled for 1930. The bureau, however, by carrying out proportionately the increases noted between 1910 and 1920, is able to estimate that on July 1, next, the population of the United States will be more than 118,000,000. The District of Columbia should

have by next July a population of approximately 540,000, or more than seven times as many people as reside in the least populated state, Nevada. New York continues to be the most populous with more than 11,000,000 residents. Next in size comes Pennsylvania with more than 9,000,000, followed by Illinois and Ohio with more than 7,000,000 and 6,500,000, respectively.

"After Nevada with 77,000 the next smallest state is Wyoming, with a population of 341,000, followed by Delaware with 243,000. No attempt is made to estimate the present populations of Mississippi, Nevada or Vermont, however, for the accurate figures for 1920 showed decreases from 1910.

The official census of 1790 gave the United States a population of 3,900,000, of which 747,000 was concentrated in Virginia, at that time the most populous state. New York did not assume the lead until 1820, when its 1,300,000 was closely seconded by both Pennsylvania and Virginia. At this time the population of the entire country was 9,600,000. By 1850 it had reached 23,000,000; by 1880, 50,000,000; by 1900, more than 75,000,000, and by 1920, 105,000,000. There is still enormous room for growth, however, for in 1920 the density of population per square mile in the United States was but 35.5, as compared to 701.3 for England, 648 for Belgium, and 328 for Germany."

The big business interests are all in favor of larger appropriations for such projects as the Boulder dam and are as unanimously opposed to any legislation like the McNary-Haugen bill. Certainly the dam and others like it increase production and supply new sources of gains for the profiteers. The marketing bill may deprive a few shrewd speculators of their most reliable source of income. You can most always judge the merits of a proposed law by counting up and sizing up the men and interests on the other side.

Eastern Newspapers Worry

A right smart over Colonel Smith Brookhart who has a blunt coarse way of telling the truth about the folks who thrive so well while the farmer fails to pay his interest and taxes. Along the Atlantic seaboard it is a sort of treason to suggest that Wall Street is the home of some men who may have trouble in getting to heaven when they die. Here is a comment from the Public Ledger of Philadelphia:

"A 'SIGNE OF WALL STREET' suggested by Senator-elect Brookhart has the good old-fashioned ring. It is nearly as good as the old-timers used to do when they denounced the 'money devils' that frolicked in Wall Street. Colonel Brookhart has the old touch, he uses many of the good old phrases and he can fan the prairie fires in the old way. At that it has been a good while since anybody other than the colonel has announced that Wall Street is 'perpetually confiscating the earnings of American farmers and workers.' Anyway the colonel wants Secretary Kellogg to have the marines landed on Manhattan and Wall Street walled in by the army and navy until the rest of the country can pass the McNary-Haugen bill. Incidentally, all the members of the New York Chamber of Commerce have been thrown into durango ville while this is being done. For a fact there are some Iowans who do talk that way, and there are enough others who listen to them to send some of the talkers to congress. The colonel is not at his best when he tries to be ironical."

If the Pennsylvania man who reports that he has discovered the elixir of life will administer a sufficiently powerful shot to the Hon. William S. Vare that distinguished statesman may live long enough to take the oath of office as United States senator.

Navy Supporters

"Are having an awful time with the man in the White House. They gentle man really believes in good faith as well as in keeping armaments at something like a sensible strength. It is only about five years since the United States entered into a solemn treaty in which it engaged with England and Japan that there should be no more foolish and expensive races in building war ships of the dreadnaught type. All the signatory powers have so far lived up to their pledges. No battleships are being constructed anywhere in the world."

But any kind of a war vessel that carries guns must also have officers and men and so the navy crowd, desiring to maintain a highly trained personnel for sea fighting is trying to get the United States to build at least 18 cruisers of the 10,000 ton type. That, of course, would mean that Japan and England would be forced to meet us and so the race would be on again. The president is trying to stop the program and every inclination is to do so. The appropriations for the already authorized cruisers may get through congress but if they do it is not altogether impossible that the White House may veto the whole naval bill.

And that contingency is the very thing that worries the navy boosters. They want their cruisers and probably have enough votes in congress to get them but they need their pay and allowances more than they do new ships and so they dread to put their fate to the touch by forcing through a bill that may be vetoed and the navy without funds to do anything with for at least a year.

The Kansas folks who think our state appropriations are somewhat heavy should cast an eye over the \$257,000,000 budget of the state of Pennsylvania. The one thing different from Kansas, however, is that not all the tax is raised by direct impositions on property. All the folks in that state carry their share and so the load is not so very heavy for any one.

Water

Power for Actuating

Machinery and for the production of electric current increases in importance with each passing year. A great struggle that has for its object the appropriation of this great natural resource for private profit has been in progress for many years. The agents of the hydro electric trust exert sufficient influence over congress to block all attempts to use Muscle Shoals for public purposes and to dam the Colorado river at Boulder canyon for the benefit of millions of people in the arid southwest.

The following extract from the editorial columns of a leading eastern paper contains information on this subject that is pretty good food for thought:

"Ever since the government began to develop the power of the Tennessee river through the erection of the dam at Muscle Shoals the idea of creating hydroelectric energy has been spreading through the land. New York has hundreds of thousands of horsepower available in her water-courses, and for several years there has been much talk of harnessing the rivers for the purpose of creating electrical energy. Owing, however, to differences between the governor and the legislature, or, as some put it, between the democrats and the republicans, the water power question in New York is no nearer solution than is the problem presented by Muscle Shoals.

"As long as the time when Gen. Benjamin F. Butler was a member of the house of representatives there was talk of harnessing the Potomac at or below the Great Falls in order to deliver cheap electrical energy at Washington. But talk is the only result up to date.

"British industry learned a lesson from the coal strike of last year, when fuel shortage almost paralyzed that industry. When John Bull finds that his pocketbook is in danger of annihilation he is quick to hunt a means for the protection of his wallet. He does not intend to be caught in the same dilemma again, and as a means of preventing such a catastrophe he is preparing to meet any further emergency by embarking upon a vast scheme of electrification. To this end, it is reported from London, orders have been given for water power and railroad electric development involving the expenditure of approximately \$2,000,000,000 during the present year.

"Of this enormous investment it is estimated that 75 per cent will be within the kingdom and the other 25 per cent will be 'export trade.' Such an expenditure of capital will do much toward the settlement of the labor problem in Great Britain, and it may teach some of the politicians on this side of the Atlantic that the way to develop electrical energy is to develop it."

The census bureau reports that the present population of the continental United States is a little more than 118,000,000 but does not tell us how many, if any, of that number appreciate the obligations of citizenship as well as the advantages of citizenship. It is up to each of us to make the most of the opportunities of living under our system of government.

Troubles Of Other Folks

Seldom give us very much pain but when someone else works some little scheme to extract coin from our wallets we always protest mightily. It all depends on the point of view or to put it in the good old-fashioned vernacular that was so familiar to our fathers it makes a lot of difference whose ox is gored. Nearly everyone east of the Allegheny mountains is opposed to price fixing by the government and every agricultural relief proposition that contains any possibility of assuring good returns for crops is viewed with alarm.

The following short piece reprinted from the New York World makes a little sport of human inconsistency and at the same time contains quite a little information of thought provoking quality:

"In its report on the cotton outlook for next season the Department of Agriculture states that an acreage curtailment of about 30 per cent, will be necessary to secure the 'maximum income to growers.' This means that the department is urging the farmers to reduce their yield next year to 11,000,000 bales, or considerably less than a normal crop. After two successive bumper yields the obvious remedy for the present glut of cotton is a reduction in the supply. With that policy no one has reason to quarrel. A balancing of supply and demand in this way is infinitely to be preferred to the price-fixing methods championed by leaders of the farm bloc.

"But do we remember a great outcry in Washington a few months ago over the curtailment of the supply of another important raw material? The protest was especially bitter because this curtailment also had government sanction. The commodity in that case was rubber. But it was somebody's else rubber, and this is our cotton. That makes a difference."

LET'S GO

Bite off a little more than you can chew.
Then chew it.
Plan to do a little more than you can do.
Then do it.

A Texas farmer figures that two acres of sorghum paid him a net profit of \$158.40. The sorghum was fed as silage to dairy cows.

THE 1927 DUES.

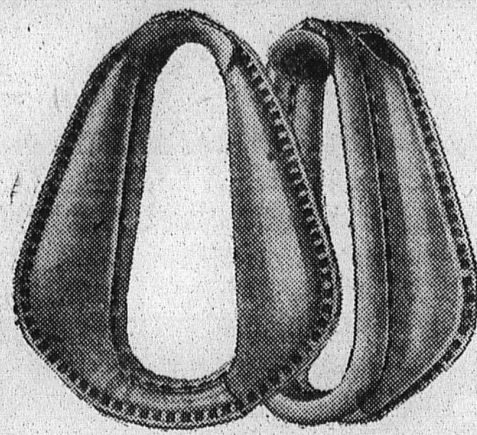
The dues for 1927 are the same as in 1926. Secretaries collect \$2.25. Send to the State Secretary \$1.45.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

The latest constitutions are for sale at this office. You can settle many arguments if you carry one in your pocket. Write to C. E. Brasted, Salina, Kansas, Box 51 enclosing 5c for the copy that is waiting for you.

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OUR "DUBBEL-WEAR" COLLARS

We have sold 50,000 of these popular style and price collars in the past three years. This alone is convincing proof that we out-sell all rivals. No better collar made in this style and draft.

Compare Description

Full stock 6 oz. fine grain Tan Leather, no split leather in this Collar. One solid piece back. Full oversize solid piece rim. Wide reinforced throat. Greatest strength at point of most strain. Draft 17 inches, cushion face that will not get hard. Curtis sole leather pad. 1 1/4 inch buckle and billet thonged on. Top of collar thonged stitched. 3/4 inch ribbon seam on outside rim with linen thread stitching. We can furnish this collar in either No. 12C-20, Full Face type, or No. 12C-20 1/2, Half Sweeney type at the prices quoted below:

Testimonial
I received the two collars and am more than pleased with them. If I had bought them here, they would have cost me \$14.00.
Albert L. Anderson,
Route 3,
Carlisle, Ind.

Size 17-inch	\$3.60	Size 20-inch	\$4.05
Size 18-inch	\$3.70	Size 21-inch	\$4.25
Size 19-inch	\$3.85	Size 22-inch	\$4.45
		Size 23-inch	\$4.80

Collars That Satisfy

Because we contract for Collars in lots of several thousands dozens at one time, we can now offer you FULL STOCK LEATHER COLLARS at about ONE-HALF USUAL RETAIL PRICES. Our Farmer Customers write that they save from Two to Five Dollars on every collar they buy from us. YOU should get in on this SAVING NOW. Read the testimonials we have printed. If you wish you may write these customers and ask them about our ALL LEATHER COLLARS. When you compare our prices with others, remember we guarantee the HIGHEST QUALITY. These Collars COST YOU LESS than your dealer pays for the same quality.

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You risk nothing when you buy goods from THE U. S. FARM SALES COMPANY because our purpose is to satisfy you completely. Any goods you receive which prove defective or inferior in any way may be returned. We will refund the purchase price plus any transportation charges you have paid. WE WILL TREAT YOU JUST LIKE WE WOULD WISH TO BE TREATED IF WE WERE IN YOUR PLACE.

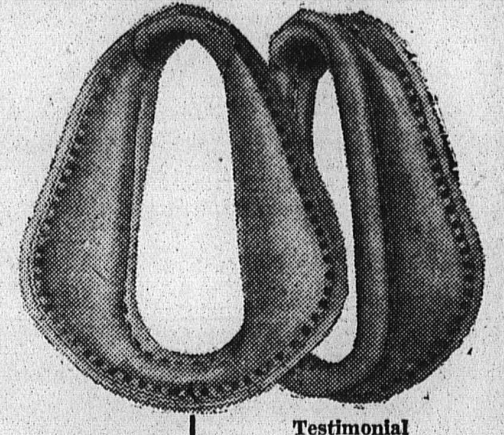
FARM SALES "GALL-CURE" COLLARS

This Collar is a new number added to our line about a year ago. Already sales have been twice what we expected. The special feature of this collar is the CURLED HAIR PAD which will really cure a gall if you fit the collar to the horse. No better collar is made today, regardless of the price.

Compare Description

Extra heavy 7 ounce full stock leather. One piece back, 3/4-inch ribbon seam, heavy strong stitching around outside. Throat well reinforced. Extra oversize hame rim, hame cannot get out of place. Extra large top pad thong stitched to top. 1 1/4-inch buckle and billet thonged on. GENUINE GALL-CURE CURLED HAIR PAD full length of face. Norman style top for thick necked horses. No. 12C-22 Gall Cure Collar at prices quoted below:

Size 18 and 19-inch	\$4.70	Size 22-inch	\$5.45
Size 20-inch	\$4.95	Size 23-inch	\$5.70
Size 21-inch	\$5.20	Size 24-inch	\$6.25



Testimonial
I received one of your collars early this spring and have worked it on a horse that had sore shoulders all last summer and have never peeled one of the old callous places on his shoulder. Am highly pleased with it.
G. M. Smith,
Box 83,
Georgetown, Idaho

SPECIAL RUSSET COLLARS

These collars are a special lot we are offering to you at \$3.50 each in any size for 17 to 22 inches in either Full Face or Half Sweeney style. QUALITY IS GUARANTEED—MONEY REFUNDED IF YOU ARE NOT THOROUGHLY SATISFIED. Only a limited stock of these SPECIAL COLLARS were purchased so you should order AT ONCE if you want to take advantage of this BARGAIN.

DESCRIPTION

1 1/4-inch buckle and billet, thonged and riveted on. Curtis sole leather top pad. 3/4-inch ribbon seam around outside. Oversize rim. 6 ounce weight full stock leather throughout. 17-inch draft, cushion face. Double reinforced throat. No. 10C-20 Russet Leather collars, special price while they last, sizes 17 to 22 inch, each \$3.50

Testimonial

I have been driving teams for over fifty years and have bought a good many collars, but I believe the one I bought of you is the best collar I ever bought, regardless of price.
D. O. Martin,
Spargursville, Ohio.

SWEAT PADS AT MONEY SAVING PRICES

YELLOW PADS

These pads are manufactured by the largest Sweat Pad concern in the world. 12-inch Draft, Yellow drill back and face, filled with composite stuffing, red felt edge, four hooks. Workmanship and material absolutely guaranteed. No. 12C-23 Yellow Sweat Pad, sizes 17 to 20-inch, each 47c
No. 12C-24 Yellow Sweat Pad, sizes 21 to 25-inch, each 52c

OIL CLOTH FACE PADS

Many of our customers prefer this very popular style pad. The face is made of heavy black oil cloth or rubberized duck which remains cool and will not gall a horse. Back of pad is made of good quality maroon duck. Filled with composite hair stuffing, closely quilted. No. 12C-23 1/2 Oil Cloth Face Pad, sizes 17 to 25-inch, each 65c

Testimonial

I received my order of collars and was more than pleased with them. I saved \$2.00 each or more on the collars. I like the material and workmanship of them and also the straight business way you handle orders.
Robert Newberry,
Cora City, Illinois.

"ECONOMY" COLLARS

A good many people do not want collars with too heavy a draft. This number has been added to our line especially to take care of their needs. The unusual low prices on our "ECONOMY" Collar is no indication of its QUALITY. Leather is full stock throughout and the quality is as good as that in collars which ordinarily sell for \$4.50 or \$5.00 elsewhere.

Description

No split leather in this collar. Face and back 6 ounce Russet select stock, workmanship is the very best. Reinforced layer on back of collar to protect against wear of hame attachments. One piece extra size rim. Heavy sole leather top pad. 1 1/4-inch Buckle and Billet. Filled with long rye straw. Will hold its shape and will give you service worth at least \$6.00. No. 12C-19 "Economy" Collar at prices quoted below:

Size 16 and 17-inch	\$2.70	Size 19-inch	\$2.95
Size 18-inch	\$2.90	Size 20-inch	\$3.00

Clothing Prices You Can Afford to Pay



"BIG CLOY" OVERALLS

You can pay a great deal more money, but you will not get any better overalls. Our farmer customers tell us that this is the finest overall on the market, regardless of price. Read below the many points which make this garment a better value than you can buy any other place. Extra heavy and extra large. You do not have to order these overalls two sizes larger than you wear. 8 ounce fine yarn white back denim. Triple seams, lock stitched, pockets, extra large; bar tacked at all points of strain. Continuous one-piece, high back style. Bib is just the right shape with tobacco pocket that has a button flap; also safety watch pocket on bib. Rule pocket on one leg; hammer strap on the other. Two large hip pockets with wide button flap. Two very roomy front side pockets; extra weight duck lining. All buttons solid brass, top riveted on.

Send your order now. When you receive the overalls, if they are not as good a pair as you ever bought, regardless of price, we will refund your money. State waist and inseam measurements. No. 12S-188 "Big Cloy" Overalls, price, per pair \$1.35

QUALITY OVERALLS AND JUMPERS

For those who want to save most we offer these Quality garments, made from Standard 220-weight White duck denim, with wide suspenders cut full. One-piece continuous high back with wide suspenders, many pockets. The jackets are made from the same quality material and are full size. Do not confuse these overalls and jumpers with the light-weight and inferior garments sold near our price. State size wanted. No. 12C-192 Overalls, each 98c
No. 11C-193 Jackets, each 98c

OUR "FEATURE"

This very unusual bargain could not be offered except for enormous Factory Production. You really have to see a pair of these shoes to appreciate the value. Made from good quality boot leather, full grain stock. Order a pair now and if you do not save \$1.00 to \$1.50 on the pair, return them and get your money back. Medium weight tan Scout Bull; fine quality retained uppers. There is no split leather in this shoe. Genuine oak-tanned out-sole, both nailed and sewed; leather heel. This shoe is soft, strong and comfortable. Very practical for use of man or boy who wants to save money. Sizes 5 1/2 to 12; widths B and EE. No. 12C-99, Our Feature Shoe, per pair \$1.79



"SERVICE" OUTING BAL

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COMFORT SHOES
Regardless of the price you pay, we know you cannot buy a better shoe than our Comfort brand. Built especially for farm wear. Soft and flexible. Barnyard and acid proof. Composition rubber sole that will wear as long as the uppers. Good-year rubber heel that cannot come off. Sizes 5 to 12. Wide last. No. 12C-106, \$3.49 per pair

OUR "DUBBEL-WEAR" HI-CUTS

This high grade boot is made from the finest material throughout. Farmers who have used this boot write that they have never seen such a boot selling for less than \$8.00 elsewhere. Uppers re-tanned veal stock. Watertight, barnyard and acid proof. Blucher style. Back stay one solid piece. Uskide soles, sewed and nailed. Spring-step rubber heel, fastened with thirteen nails and cannot come off. A full 16-inch boot of the very finest quality. Sizes 6 to 11. Widths B and EE. No. 12C-129, per pair \$4.95
Rubber and Cloth Overshoes
These overshoes are all new stock. Fully Guaranteed. Will last you this season and all of the next. 4-buckle style.
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GALLINE

Just the remedy you have been needing to cure sore necks and shoulders on your horses and mules. A blue Ointment that does not accumulate dirt, mat the hair nor forms a large ugly crust. Money back if you are not satisfied. No. 12C-96, Price, 1/2 lb. can, 39c

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U. S. Government Bit hand forged. Cannot break. Cost many times our price to manufacture. Complete with curb chain. No. 12C-74, Price, each 24c

RIDING BRIDLE

The Russet leather in this Bridle is the same quality as used in Bridles sold elsewhere for \$7.00 and \$8.00 each. Cheeks 1 inch. Bronze buckles throughout. Hand forged Steel Curb bit. Has extra reins with snaffle bits. No. 12C-34, Price, complete \$1.75

"COWBOY'S" SADDLE

This Saddle is strong enough for all kinds of work and just the right weight for farm use. Leather throughout is made from FIRST QUALITY of California Tan Skirting. Steel fork, 13-inch swell, 15-inch tree. Skirts sheepskin lined, 26 inches by 12 inches. Penders 18x9 inches. Stirrup leather 3 inches. Latigos 1 1/2 inch, 18-strand hair girth front and back. Brass covered stirrups, 2 1/2 inches. We guarantee to save you at least \$10.00 on this saddle. No. 12C-59, Price \$29.75

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No. 12C-89, Price, each 69c

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For several years we have led in giving a HIGH QUALITY WOOL SHIRT at the LOWEST PRICE. Coat style, reinforced in all points of strain, two pockets, silk lined flaps. Collar has silk lining, lined breast and double elbows. Each shirt full cut, durable and comfortable. Money back if you are not satisfied. Sizes 14 1/2 to 19. No. 12C-88, Price, each \$2.65

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All wool half hose of medium weight. Elastic ribbed top. Heels and toes reinforced. Not more than four pairs to one customer. No. 12C-109, Price, 4 Pair for \$1.19

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Sales on "Voldistone" Radios this year have far exceeded our expectations. The sets have sold themselves to our customers because they give the same loud and clear reception as any other set of similar style, regardless of price. The Models we have are priced with or without equipment. The equipment we give is the very best. We have not supplied inferior or cheap equipment to make a low price. You can try our "Voldistone" Radio for 30 days. If at the end of that time you are not entirely satisfied with the results obtained, write us for shipping instructions. We will refund every cent of your money. Prices are quoted below for your comparison. Be sure to compare our equipment with that offered by any other concern.

5-TUBE, MODEL "35"

5-Tube, Model "35", without Loud Speaker, Tubes, Batteries, Antenna or other equipment \$24.75
(This 5-Tube Set has a 3-Dial Control)

Same set complete with one Voltone Horn type Speaker; five Highest Quality Tubes; two 45-volt large Jumbo B Batteries; one 4 1/2-volt C Battery; one 6-volt, 11-plate, 100 ampere A Storage Battery and one Aerial Outfit. (Nothing else to buy) \$64.95

6-TUBE, MODEL "62"

The Circuit is two stages of Radio frequency, one detector and three Audio frequency units. This set will give you the very best in volume and tone. 6-Tube, Model "62", Without Loud Speaker, Tubes, Batteries, Antenna or other equipment \$37.75

Same set complete with one Voltone Horn type Speaker; six Highest Quality Tubes; three 45-volt large Jumbo B Batteries; two 4 1/2-volt C Batteries; one 6-volt, 11-plate, 100 ampere A Storage Battery and one Aerial Outfit. (Nothing else to buy) \$78.75

MODEL "C-62"

Console style, same Circuit as Model 62. Cabinet is solid mahogany and hand-rubbed, two-tone shaded dull finish. Compartment to keep Batteries and equipment out of sight. Built-in Loud Speaker with genuine UTAH Unit. Model "C-62" Complete without Tubes, Batteries and other equipment but with the built-in Loud \$62.50
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RADIO SUPPLIES

Because we contracted for. Radios and supplies in large quantities, we are able to offer you supplies and equipment at the very lowest prices. Read carefully description on the equipment listed below and compare our prices with others.

"A" STORAGE BATTERY

6-volt, 11-plate, 100 ampere hour. These Batteries are manufactured by the largest Battery concern in the United States. Guaranteed for two years radio service. Our price, only \$9.85

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Built by a manufacturer of National reputation. 45-volt Upright, large, Jumbo Heavy Duty size. Why should you pay \$1.00 to \$1.50 more for a Battery that is no better. Our price, each \$3.40

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Quality and maximum service guaranteed. As good as any on the market. X201-A each \$1.35

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FARCO OVERSIZE CORDS

Size	Tire Price	Tube Price
30x3 CL	\$6.65	\$1.50
30x3 1/2 CL	7.99	1.60
30x3 3/4 CL	9.40	1.60
30x3 1/2 SS	11.40	1.95
32x4	13.80	2.60
32x4 1/2	14.30	2.70
33x5	26.40	3.75

(All Sizes Carried in Stock—Write for Prices)

FARCO BALLOONS

Size	Tire Price	Tube Price
29x4.40	\$9.39	\$1.79
30x4.95	13.85	2.60
30x5.25	15.50	2.75
31x5.25	15.75	2.85
30x5.77	18.35	2.80
33x6.00	18.90	3.45

(All Sizes Carried in Stock—Write for Prices)

COMPETO BALLOONS

Size	Tire Price	Tube Price
29x4.40	\$7.10	\$1.29
30x4.95	10.95	2.30
31x5.25	12.50	2.57

FARCO HEAVY DUTY TRUCK CORDS

Size	Tire Price	Tube Price
32x4 1/2	\$23.50	\$2.90
30x5	27.00	3.55
33x5	28.90	3.75



Tire Testimonial

I have used my FARCO OVERSIZE Tires every day and have received 18,000 miles service and they are still good for 5,000 miles.

I. W. Kerich,
Redwing, Minn.

COMPETO CORDS

Size	Tire Price	Tube Price
30x3 CL OS	\$5.98	\$1.19
30x3 1/4 CL Reg.	6.19	1.31
30x3 1/2 CL OS	6.66	1.31
32x4 SS	10.65	1.70
33x4	11.45	1.80

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Your harness is no better than the weakest part in it. The strength and life are in the leather used. Our harness leather is made from select PACKER HIDES and tanned by the OLD OAK BARK Process which insures good quality, firm, pliable and long-wearing leather. These PACKER HIDES are the ones furnished to the Tannery in large quantities under contract by the big packing plants. Our advantage over other harness factories is that we have the privilege of selecting the very best of these hides in one of the largest tanneries in the United States. NO STAG LEATHER IS USED IN ANY PART OF OUR HARNESS.

No Harness Factory Tans All It's Own Leather

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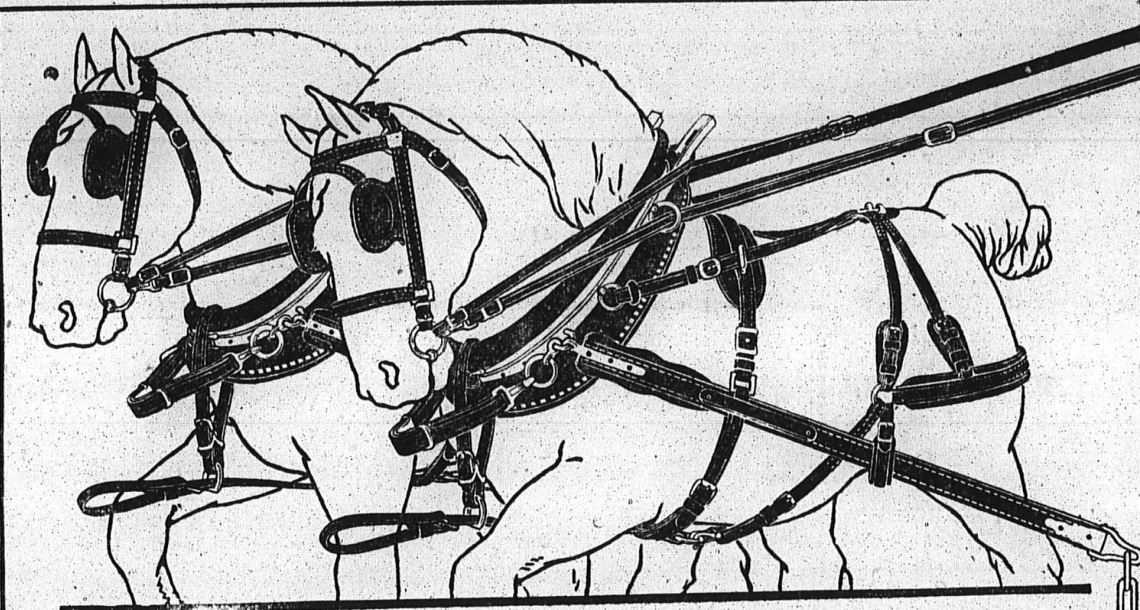
Modern Factory

Our FACTORY is equipped with MODERN MACHINERY and the new methods used enable us to make thousands of double sets of harness and harness parts at much less cost than the average manufacturer. VOLUME PRODUCTION reduces factory cost. We operate full time the year around and keep men employed steady on various parts of harness. If a man makes nothing but lines, he can make them more efficiently than if he were making a dozen different parts of harness. Each man is an expert in his own department. THE U. S. FARM SALES COMPANY is the ONLY manufacturer that makes ALL of its own harness and sells DIRECT TO YOU. If you can possibly do so, we want you to visit our harness factory. It will be a pleasure to show you through the entire plant so you can see for yourself just how good we can make your harness.

Inspected

Every set of Harness we manufacture passes very RIGID INSPECTIONS. Every strap is cut FULL WIDTH and carefully selected to render the service you have a right to expect. Every stitch must be right and every part of the harness made to fit and easy to adjust to your team. Every operation in the manufacture of our harness is under expert supervision. Our men are not paid on the "piece work" basis. Every man must do his work right regardless of the time it takes. The result is—THE BEST THERE IS IN HARNESS AT A BIG SAVING IN COST TO YOU.

Our Reputation, Backed By Thousands of Satisfied Customers, Is YOUR GUARANTEE



NO. 12C-3 FIELD BREECHING HARNESS

This is our lowest priced breeching harness. This set is made of good material and workmanship throughout and every strap cut full. When you compare our prices with others, also compare descriptions.

DESCRIPTION
BRIDLES: Ring Crown, 3/4-inch cheek with nose band and adjustable bit strap, 1 1/4-inch adjustable crown. Doubled and stitched combination front and winker brace. 3/4-inch flat reins to go over hames. **LINES:** 1 inch by 18 feet, with snaps and wear loops. **HAMES:** No. 5 Clip Concord, heavily ironed. **TRACES:** 6 feet long, 1 1/2 inches wide, 3-ply leather, double stitched. Heel chains, 6 links attached with clip riveted to traces. **BACK PADS:** 4 1/2 inches wide, leather doubled and stitched, 1 1/2-inch market strap. **BREECHING:** 2 1/4-inch folded bodies, 1 1/4-inch strap side straps, 1-inch rib straps from breeching ring to side of hames; 1-inch hip straps, 1-inch lazy straps. **BREAST STRAPS:** 1 1/2 inches wide, adjustable with snap and slide. **POLE STRAPS:** 1 1/2 inches wide, adjustable with collar strap. **BELLY BANDS:** 2 inches folded and stitched.

No. 12C-3
Price per set, without collars

\$35⁶⁵

"OUR LEADER" HARNESS

"Our Leader" Harness is very practical for all kinds of farming. Every buyer is pleased because the harness is made throughout from first quality stock and fully guaranteed.

DESCRIPTION
BRIDLES: Ring Crown with 3/4-inch hame reins. **LINES:** 1 inch by 18 feet with snaps. **HAMES:** No. 5 Clip Concord, heavily ironed. **TRACES:** 1 1/2 inches by six feet long; 3-ply leather, double stitched, swivel heel chains. **BACK PADS:** 4 1/2 inches wide, doubled and stitched, brass spots. **BREECHING:** 2 1/4-inch folded, 1 1/4-inch side straps, rib straps 1 1/4-inch, hip straps, 1-inch. **BREAST STRAPS:** 1 1/2 inches adjustable with snap and slide. **POLE STRAPS:** 1 1/2 inches complete with collar strap. **BELLY BANDS:** 2 inches, folded.

No. 12C-8
Price per set, without collars

\$39⁵⁰

PRACTICAL FARM HARNESS

This harness is a favorite style among many farmers as it has a ring and terret back pad and breeching is attached to back pad with one 1 1/4-inch adjustable strap running from top breeching ring to loop in pad hook. We guarantee to save you money on this set.

DESCRIPTION
BRIDLES: Ring Crown 3/4 inch cheek, long round 3/4-inch hame rein through gag loop. **LINES:** 1 1/4-inch by 20 feet. **HAMES:** Steel, bolt type, 2-inch balls. **TRACES:** 1 1/2-inch by six feet long; 3-ply leather, double stitched, swivel heel chains. **BACK PADS:** Doubled and stitched with cheek rein hook and line terrets, brass spots. **BREECHING:** 2 1/4-inch folded, 1 1/4-inch side straps, 1 1/4-inch adjustable strap from top breeching ring to loop in pad hook, 1-inch hip straps. **BREAST STRAPS:** 1 1/2 inches wide, adjustable with slide and snap. **POLE STRAPS:** 1 1/4 inches complete with collar strap. **BELLY BANDS:** 2 inches, folded.

No. 12C-4
Price per set, without collars

\$45⁹⁵

UNCONDITIONAL GUARANTEE

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J. Jay Morlan,
Plano, Iowa.

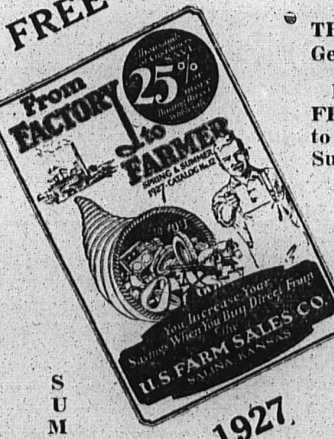
Received my harness and am well satisfied with them. We gave them a real test breaking young horses, and if you would of seen what those harness went thru, you'd said good-bye harness, as I did. When the horse got away from us, he went thru the fences three different times, but he came back with the harness all there, just as he left with it—not one piece broke on it. If you have any outlaw horses to break, my advice is to try the U. S. FARM harness on them. If they don't stand the test, give up the horse, because they can't be equalled elsewhere and if in need of any more harness, they will be bought from U. S. Farm Sales Company.

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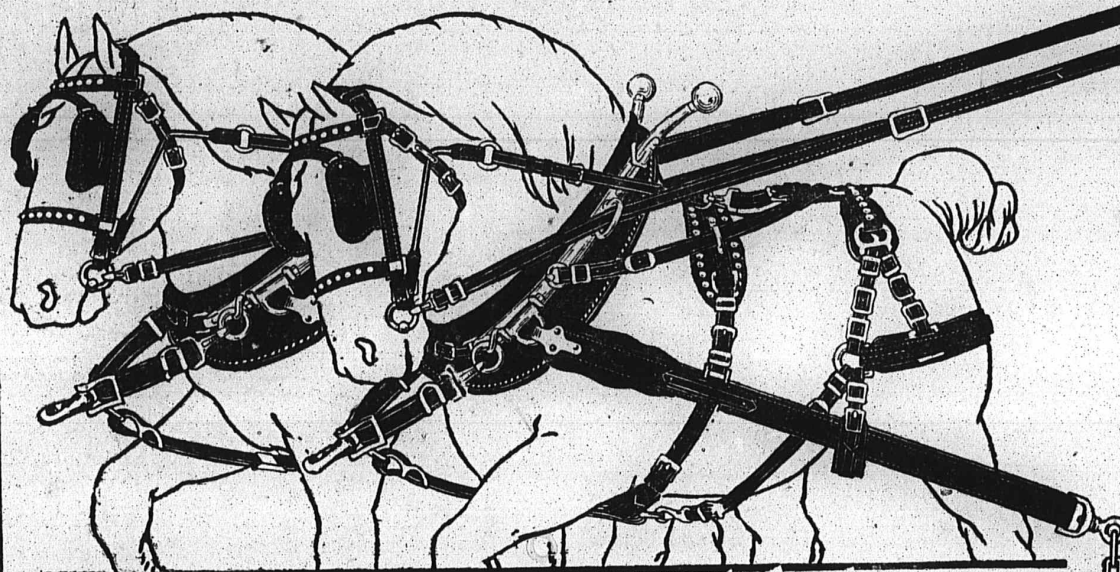
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"METAL REINFORCED" HARNESS

You may pay more for Metal to Metal Harness, but you will not get any better set. The Metal Reinforced features on this set increase the life of the harness at least one-half.

DESCRIPTION
BRIDLES: Ring Crown, 1 inch cheek, 3/4-inch long round reins through gag loops, brass spots. **LINES:** 1 1/4-inch by 20 feet Metal Reinforced, with snaps. **SPREAD STRAPS:** 3/4-inch by 11 inches, Duranoid rings. **HAMES:** Steel, bolt type with 2-inch balls. **HAME STRAPS:** Top 1-inch bottom 1 1/4-inch Metal Reinforced. **TRACES:** 6 feet long by 1 1/2 inches wide, 3-ply double stitched, swivel heel chain, Metal Reinforced at both ends. **BACK PADS:** 4 1/2 inches, doubled and stitched, 1 1/4 inch market strap Metal Reinforced, brass spots. **BREECHING:** Bodies 2 1/4 inches folded with 1 1/2 inch layer. Side Straps 1 1/4-inch adjustable and Metal Reinforced, Rib Strap 1 1/4-inch adjustable and Metal Reinforced, Hip Straps 1 1/4-inch adjustable and Metal Reinforced, brass spots. **BREAST STRAPS:** 1 1/2 inches, Metal Reinforced, with combination slide and snap. **POLE STRAPS:** 1 1/2 inches wide Metal Reinforced. **BELLY BANDS:** 2 1/2 inches wide, folded.

No. 12C-5
Price per set, without collars

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"GENERAL PURPOSE" HARNESS

This is an all-around set and one of our very best sellers. We guarantee to save you from \$15.00 to \$25.00 on this set.

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No. 12C-10
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DESCRIPTION
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Oh! A trouble's an ounce or a trouble is a ton, a trouble is what you make it—it isn't the fact that you're liked that counts, but only how did you take it.

This may not be the exact words and form of the author but it expresses the thought very forcefully that is desired here.

Good and evil are only relative terms, depending on the view point. Any battle that is ever fought is lost as well as won, depending on the side it is considered from. Good and evil, strictly speaking, are comparative terms, each a lack of the other, a lack of proper balance, as it were.

We usually consider the troubles and trials that come to us as evil, wholly lacking in good, but as we look back over our progress or evolution, our ideas may have changed so completely that we now count those troubles real blessings. Trials and troubles are the things that develop us, give us force of character. No person of strong personality ever became so because his way was a "primrose path." It takes adversities that try men's souls to show up their true nobility—when they emerge from them bigger and better, even though, to the casual observer they are not considered winners.

It is the conquering spirit and not so much the taking of the battlefield, that should be our goal, showing the truth of the poet's words—"It's only how you take it."

ETHEL WHITNEY.

HOME HINTS

(By Aunt Aggie of K. S. A. C.)

Parties.
February—the month for parties! Valentine parties, Washington and Lincoln parties, all kinds of birthday parties, for February is the month of birthdays and special days.

And what of the refreshments and the serving of them?

The handy booklet, "Table Service for Busy Families" compiled by Professor Lucile Rust and Martha Pittman of the Kansas State Agricultural college suggests as typical menus:

Light, One Course—Sandwiches or cake, beverage.

Medium, One Course—1. Salad, sandwiches, beverage, nuts or candies or 2. Frozen dessert or its equal, cake or other accompaniment, beverage, nuts or candies.

Heavy, Two Courses—First course—Salad, sandwiches or wafers, beverage, relish. Second course—dessert, nuts or candies.

If the refreshments are dainty and attractive, it will add 100 per cent to your good taste. Pretty color schemes help greatly, too.

There are two satisfactory types of serving—the plate or tray method, and the buffet service.

For plate service, the guests may either sit or stand. The hostess or her helpers first pass the napkins on a tray, then the filled plates are passed, first to the guest of honor, if there is one, and then to the other guests. Usually, the plates hold the beverage cup without the saucer, the silver, and the food, but sometimes it is more convenient to serve the tea, coffee, cocoa, or whatever the drink may be, after the plates are passed, and the sugar and cream needed, just after the drink.

If two courses are served, it is usually more simple to bring in the second course and exchange for the plates from the first course. When the guests have finished, plates and napkins can be removed.

RURAL SCHOOLS NEWS—LETTER NO. 48.

An Interesting County School Building Survey.

Most of the 45 rural school buildings in Lackawanna county, Pennsylvania, are more than 50 years old; only a few have been remodeled during the last half century. These facts were brought out in a "Survey of the One-teacher Elementary Schools of Lackawanna County" made in September and October, 1926, by the county superintendent and his assistant. "Many of the buildings are of the old box type with windows on both sides, with no vestibule nor accommodation for coats or wraps," the report of the survey states. A few have been remodeled to provide proper lighting and otherwise meet present-day standards. Very few school grounds have attractive trees or shrubbery and in a number of instances they are overgrown with weeds. Several plots in crossroad corners are scarcely larger than the buildings, according to the report.

The report not only mentions the bad points but emphasizes the good things as well. The study was made to establish the standing of each school, according to state standards; to furnish useful data to school officials and teachers; and to determine where consolidation might be undertaken. A score card designed by the state department of education was used and each building was rated according to its merits. A drawing of one remodeled rural building which

meets modern requirements has been submitted with the report of the survey to all school officials and teachers in the county.

Conditions similar to those reported in this self survey are common to a number of counties throughout the country. Many county superintendents and other school administrators have begun the work of analyzing different phases of their school systems. No better indication of improvement in the technique of rural school administration can be found than this growing tendency among county school officials to analyze their own educational systems.

School Taxes and the Small Taxpayer.

Appropos of the present interest in increasing costs of schools and corresponding increase in taxation for their support, a study recently made by the county teachers' association of a county in Utah is of interest. This study indicates that of 1,149 taxpayers in the county studied, 514 or nearly 45 per cent of the total number, pay an average annual total tax of \$12.50. No taxpayer paid more than \$25. While the study does not show what percentage of this total amount paid in county taxes is paid into the school fund, it is evident that a large percentage goes for other than school purposes. The study reveals, as do similar studies, that as a rule the burden of school taxation does not fall heavily on small taxpayers considering the value received by the majority of such taxpayers from their schools in the education of their children. Money spent for school support is really an investment in the future and should be so considered. However, even when viewed in the light of an expense, the burden is as a rule so widely distributed as not to fall heavily on any one taxpayer, particularly the one of relatively small means. Moreover, than any other enterprise the support of public education is a co-operative undertaking.

More Music in the Schools.
An unusual opportunity is provided by National Music Week, May 1 to 7, 1927, to promote music in school and home life, according to an announcement received from the National Music Week Committee of 45 West 46th street, New York City, in the Bureau of Education, U. S. Department of the Interior. It is suggested that observance of the week offers the following opportunities: To introduce music into school systems where it has not been taught before; to sum up the year's music instruction; to acquaint parents and friends of the children with what is being done for them through music by having a parents' music day; and to organize a community music committee to lead in the promotion of musical activities.

Suggestions for observance of National Music Week and bulletins useful to those interested in the advancement of music may be obtained without cost by writing to the National Music Week Committee at the address given above.

Scrubbing wood with soap darkens the wood. Use fine sand instead.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.
The late constitutions are for sale at this office. You can settle many arguments if you carry one in your pocket. Write to C. E. Brasted, Salina, Kansas, Box 51 enclosing 5c for the copy that is waiting for you.

A PRIZE-WINNING COOK BOOK
Which contains recipes for making bread, biscuits, home-made yeast, 36 salads, 32 fruit and egg desserts, 73 loaf and layer cakes and 69 recipes for pies, which will be given to all who will send in the names and addresses of three of their neighbors who are not subscribers to Capper's Farmer, and who would enjoy receiving a sample copy. Enclose 10 cents in stamps or coin for wrapping charges on Cook Book Dept. 41, Topeka, Kansas.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY
Whereas our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has taken from our midst the beloved brother and president, H. H. Harvey, realizing that our loss is his gain.

Be It Resolved, That we, the members of Pleasant Dale Local No. 435, extend to his family our heartfelt sympathy in this time of sorrow.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Sister Harvey, to the Walnut Eagle and to the Kansas Union Farmer and also spread on the minutes of this meeting.

J. C. Edwards
J. W. Freeman
H. M. Kennedy,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY
Whereas God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst Thelma, the daughter of our worthy brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Kinney,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we, the members of Kinneyville Local Farmers Union, extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy to the Farmers Union paper and to the Carbonate Record for publication, and a copy to be spread upon the minutes of the local.

Chas. Lathay
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FOR SALE ACCREDITED S. C. Leghorn Chickens from high producing flock. Chicks \$12.50 per 100. Order now. Clarence Olson, Ottawa, Kans., Rt. 8.

MATHIS QUALITY CHICKS. Heavy layers. 100, 10c; 300, 25c; 500, 35c. Catalog Free. Mathis Farms, Box 112, Parsons, Kansas.

CO-OPERATIVE CHICKS LIVE—Highest quality. Famous laying strains. Get our co-operative prices before ordering. Co-operative Hatchery, Chillicothe, Missouri.

LAND

160 ACRES, small improvements, \$65.00 per acre. 160 acres, no improvements, all in cultivation, \$60.00 per acre. 160 acres, one-half in wheat, balance grass \$55.00 per acre. 320 acres, good improvements, one-half in cultivation, 80 acres in wheat, 15 acres in alfalfa, balance pasture, some timber. \$75.00 per acre. Some trade and will carry balance. 640 acres, good improvements, one-half cultivated, 20 acres in alfalfa, 200 in wheat, 100 acres for spring crop. Balance pasture, some bottom land and timber, \$65.00 per acre. Can handle some town property and smaller farm in exchange. Will carry balance—H. F. Condray, member of Melville Local No. 971, Wells, Kansas, Route 1.

SEEDS AND PLANTS.
FOR SALE—Choice Reids Yellow Dent Seed Corn. Heavy yielding type. Carefully hand picked, subbed and shelled. Test 96. Good yield last season, \$3.00 per bushel, less on 5 bushels or more. If not satisfied return and I will refund price and freight. Stanley Smith, Hiawatha, Kansas.

PURE PEDIGREED Illinois seed farm government endorsed Broom Corn Seed. Write Fanning Broom Corn Company, entire main floor Fanning Block, Oakland, Illinois.

FOR SALE—Alfalfa seed. Reclaimed, Five Sample. George Kead, Randall, Kansas.

CABBAGE AND ONION PLANTS. Open field grown, Jersey Wakefield, Charleston Wakefield, Succession, Copenhagen, Flat Dutch. Postpaid, 100, 40c; 300, 50c; 500, 75c; 1,000, \$1.00. Express Not Prepaid. Onions: Prizetaker, Yellow Bermuda, Crystal Wax. Postpaid, 500, 90c; 1,000, \$1.40. Express Not Prepaid. Cabbage, 30c thousand; Onions, 75c thousand. Plants hand selected, well rooted, and guaranteed to please or money refunded. Prompt Shipment. COLONIAL FARMS, LAKE CHARLES, LA.

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PRODUCE DEPARTMENT

GUY WEBSTER

STATEMENT OF THE FARMERS' UNION CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, MADISON, KANSAS

For Nine Months Ending 12-31, 1926.

ASSETS	
Inventory 1-1-27	\$904.82
Cash on hand and in banks	815.31
Stocks and Securities	3718.16
Furniture and Fixtures	1756.39
Building	4500.00
Accounts Receivable	1412.50
	\$21257.18
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	6910.00
Surplus	9665.94
Net gain for 9 months	3114.99
Invoices unpaid	1281.25
Salaries unpaid	285.00
	\$21257.18

Sales for 9 months \$292913.03

This report indicates a strong business organization at Madison, due to a sound policy and good management. The sound policy can be judged from the fact that this organization has built up a strong reserve by leaving the surplus in the business. The assets also are sound: Note the investment in building, stocks and securities which are always relatively fixed in value.

Good business management must have been used to get a \$290,000 business on a \$90,000 inventory in nine months. This store handles groceries, flour, feed and produce, all of which are lines in which it is possible to carry too much stock in order to get a good turnover.

Mr. H. L. Soule is president and Mr. H. E. Springfield, secretary of the Madison Co-operative Company. Mr. George M. "Big George" Peet is manager. If there are any of our Farmers Union folks down Madison way who don't know George (and I don't know him), it will do you good to get acquainted.

M. T. Dome: "It's my cream I'm selling, isn't it? And it's my money I'm spending. They say he's not a buttermilk tank? They say he's not a drinking man, but if six schooners at a time doesn't qualify him, I don't know a drinking man."

Fuller Brains: "So was the fore-closure on your old man's farm. So was your mother's funeral when he died at 45 from doing the work of two men. They both shouted for Freedom—freedom to compete with their neighbors for the privilege of starving themselves so the local buyers and merchants could grow rich. I advise, Old Dome, get wise. If you co-operate, we keep these profits where they belong—with the farmer."

—"Co-operation."

Cream Can Gossip.

Old Timer: "Phew! Did you see 'Mort' Lippert when he got to the buttermilk tank? They say he's not a drinking man, but if six schooners at a time doesn't qualify him, I don't know a drinking man."

Voice From the Rear: "What's this I heard you say about Frosty Felt getting into theatricals?"

The Author: "Frosty believes in entertainment to get the crowd out and D. G. Francis seems to have a monopoly on the movies so Frosty was trying to break into another kind of show."

(Editor's Note: Your manager may be able to give you more information.)

Bright New Can: "Can you answer this one? When is a live local dead, or when is a dead local alive?"

(Much rattling of lids while the cream cans try to think.)

Old Timer: "Tell us what you mean and we may be able to answer."

Bright New Can: "You see it's this way. Down in Neosho county, there was a county meeting to talk over putting on a drive for produce signposts. Representatives were there from eleven locals. It was agreed to that a sign-post campaign be launched and plans were being made as to where the best prospects were, etc. The O'Geese Local was passed by as being a 'dead' one. Today the O'Geese Local has a larger sign-post than any other local in Neosho county, and needs only three contracts to make their membership 100 per cent members of the Produce Association. Now was O'Geese a 'dead' one or are the others 'dead' ones? In other words, when is a live local alive?"

Old Timer: "If my memory serves me correctly, it was the Galesburg Local that didn't have a paid-up membership. I rather pay interest on members of the Farmers Union when the campaign started but they now have campaign members reinstated in the Union and members of the Produce Association. Just goes to show again, boys, that boosting for any Farmers Union activity helps all along the line."

LETTER TO OUR LEGISLATORS

Huron, Kansas, Feb. 10, 1927.

Hon. A. J. White, Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. White:

I want to congratulate you on the splendid record you are making in the present legislative session. The farmers of Kansas are very lucky to have such men as you fight their battles for them. The road question is now out of the way, but there is another question which I believe is vital to the farmers of Kansas.

The banking interests of the state are determined to make it impossible for the farmers to own and manage their own financial institutions. The farmers have as you know in several communities complied with the banking laws, and raised large capital and then when they asked for a charter they have been refused. Then they organized under the private bank law, and going before state supreme court, compelled the bank commissioner to check them in.

Now I do not suppose there is a chance for us to get a co-operative banking law this year, but I do hope you will be able to defeat the measure introduced in the legislature to give the charter board sole power to re-

Report of the Annual Meeting.

Doubtless you are all quite interested in reports of the annual meeting. I wish it were in my power to give every one of you the inspiration, the desire and the determination to do something, and the pride in our association and its record that characterized the whole meeting.

If I could put into words the spirit of those who attended the meeting, they would seem to say:

"We were proud but not satisfied because we feel that we have only begun to develop a business whose possibilities are limitless."

"We were inspired by the spirit of the meeting and the vision of the leaders. We ourselves received a clearer and broader vision of the co-operative field, its demands and its rewards."

"We are more determined than ever to go out and do more actively to help the cause of co-operation in the next year than we have done in the last year."

The plan to have each one of the Board of Directors make an individual and personal report in the way of a speech was novel and interesting. It was these talks and a short speech by Mr. Augustus that gave the meeting its significance. It would be impossible in this column to give a complete report of all that was in these talks and to inject the force and personality of the speaker but we do hope to give an outline of some of the outstanding talks as soon as possible. The first report was the auditor's report made by Mr. T. B. Dunn, secretary and manager of the Kansas Farmers Union Auditing Association. This report, being the first annual report at the starting business operation, had been awaited with interest. The figures are the same as those given at the district meetings and the action of the Board of Directors in setting up reserves and authorizing a 20 per pound butterfat dividend to members for deliveries to September 30, 1926 was included in the report.

Mr. A. W. Seamans, manager, gave his report which was a careful explanation of the work of the whole organization, taking up each department in turn. The report will be printed in an early issue of the Kansas Union Farmer. Mr. Seamans had prepared some charts showing the trend of the business and some arguments for co-operative marketing.

Some of the employees of the Produce Association were then introduced. Mr. D. G. Francis, the superintendent of field organization work, and his assistants, Mr. Art McKnight and Mr. O. M. Lippert. Another of his assistants, Mr. Will Prewett, was not present but was able to be on hand for the field men's meeting later. Mrs. Thelma Young, secretary to Mr. Seamans; Mr. W. V. Stevens of the Egg Department; Mr. O. W. Schell, office manager of the creamery; Mr. E. W. Daley, superintendent of the Egg Processing Department; Mr. George Hatch, field superintendent; and Guy W. Webster of the Publicity Department were introduced.

Members of the Board of Directors of the Jobbing Association were introduced and invited to talk. They responded nobly. It might be mentioned that the installing of equipment and beginning of operations at the Creamery was made possible at the time through the financial support of the Jobbing Association.

We regret that every member of the Farmers Union couldn't have been present at this meeting. Since that was impossible it is the responsibility of all who were there to carry the meeting back to them insofar as possible.

Are You Planning to Take Up Your Note to the Produce Association?

Apparently a large number of members of the Produce Association are waiting for the first annual report on business operations before paying up their notes on stock in full. Checks have been received from quite a number who are paying up their stock. This is a very satisfactory arrangement. With the additional capital necessary to handle the Egg Department, some money will have to be raised. The Produce Association has a financial standing so that it can go to a bank and borrow the money but Mr. Seamans suggests that a lot rather pay interest to members than to a bank. Keep the money in the family, so to speak. Interest dividends are paid on the amount of paid up stock. So if you want to retire your notes, have the money necessary to do it as you had just as soon be receiving interest on the money as having it be idle in your bank, the Produce Association will be glad to mark your note paid and begin paying you interest on the stock as soon as your check is received. Of course, you understand that this is a voluntary move, you may do it or not as

use a charter. I believe the farmers of Kansas are just as intelligent and just as good business men as the bankers and they are certainly just as honest.

This proposed law would give the bankers association of Kansas an absolute monopoly of the banking business. The farmers of Kansas want just the same rights as are accorded any other American citizen, the right to establish their own business with their own money.

With best wishes, again telling you that we are proud of you and your work in Topeka, I am,

Very truly,

A. M. KINNEY.

LINN COUNTY MEETING

Linn county's first quarterly meeting of 1927 will be held at Cadmus, Kansas, Wednesday, February 23, and is to be an all day session. Todote the speakers have not been determined but the intentions are to have one or more prominent speakers. We urge more of the Linn County Union members to attend these meetings if possible, and invite as many as can meet with us from our surrounding counties.

Sec. Treas. Martin.

One of the most productive conferences of the whole week of meetings was the meeting of the field men of the Produce Association on Monday evening at the Creamery.

The first business on the program was a lesson in candle eggs by Mr. Daley. Mr. Daley "knows his eggs." He started in on a pile of eggs that had been thrown out by the candle makers as being eggs unfit for consumption. It is unlawful to sell such eggs in Kansas but quite a number seem to have been delivered for sale just the same. As Mr. Daley put an egg under the light, he put the candle makers wrong with it, then break the egg to prove it. Some eggs he refused to break because it was obvious that there would have been considerable odor.

There are two ways that such eggs may get into the market basket, one is by carelessness, and such carelessness is expensive. The fellow who buys the egg isn't going to lose. He charges it back to the farmer before he buys the egg. For instance, if it is a local buyer buys the egg, he puts the price low enough that he won't lose on the spoiled egg. If the eggs are delivered to a co-operative selling agency, the bad ones have to be taken out before they are sold and the loss is borne by the farmers. To realize the market for your eggs in any case, care must be taken to deliver at least eggs that are legally wholesome.

Another reason bad eggs get into Mr. Daley's candle room is because some people deliberately "can" them off on the local station. Very likely those persons would be righteously indignant if anyone called them a sneak or a thief but they can't very well deny the charge. They break a law in the first place and steal from their neighbors the profits they should be his on the price of his eggs. Let's hope the day soon comes when the active public sentiment of the majority of egg producers demand that their eggs be bought and paid for on basis of grade. Then the careless one will pay for his own carelessness.

Well, we rather got away from the field men's meeting but we do get rather indignant when we see honest, hard-working farmers and farmers' wives being cheated of the just reward for their labor because they won't stand up and insist on being paid for quality as well as quantity. Your local egg buyer isn't going to begin buying on a graded basis until you insist he does it. He buys what he can get for the lowest price and cut off all his eggs that are seconds or lower. If he finds firsts he pockets the difference. Insist on getting quality price for quality eggs and see how the local disreputable egg buyer can stand in business.

We will get back to that meeting yet if we try again. Archie now has on his desk letters from at least four stations asking that a field man be sent to help them sign up producers who are now ready to join the Produce Association. There are many stations that report that their cream stations are profitable and some are even paying back a local dividend to their members, but there are several stations that opened with top few members but are now profitable. It is to help these stations that need larger membership and to plan to send help to those that are asking for it that this meeting was called.

It was decided that the time of the field men from February 23 to May 15 should be spent entirely in territory already organized and no particular effort would be made to organize new stations. The men are all going to spend the next couple of weeks finishing up business profitable or unprofitable. On February 23, 1927, will start a concerted drive for members in old territory. They set a goal to be signed between the date of the meeting, February 23, and May 15. The publicity director has the solemn pledge of each man that he will do his best to reach that goal. Now we are not ready yet to tell how many contracts they expect to sign. We would like to have several or any or all of you guess how many field men say should be signed and the number you think will be signed.

We are going to do better than that. We are going to offer two prizes beside considerable monetary mention on a guessing contest. The rules of the contest and plans for the campaign will be given next week.

WOODSON COUNTY WILL MEET

The County Farmers Union and Ladies Club will meet at Piqua at 10 a. m. February 19. Bring your ideas on legislation needed or not needed and enjoy the program given by the ladies.

S. C. Cowles, President.

L. B. Byfield, Secretary.

NOTICE

Barnes, Kans., Feb. 10, 1927. Washington County Farmers' Union meets at the Maestric theater, Washington, Kansas, March 1, 1927, at 8:30 a. m.

Please send your delegate to this convention as it is important.

J. T. POLAND, Co. Sec'y-Treas.

NOTICE CHASE CO. MEETING

Meeting of the Chase Co. F. U. at Elmdale Saturday, Feb. 19, 1:00 p. m. Produce Association speaker is expected. Good music. Important business.

C. L. Simmons, President.

Willard Greene, Secretary.

THE 1927 DUES.

The dues for 1927 are the same as in 1926. Secretaries collect \$2.25. Send to the State Secretary \$1.45.

STOCK MARKET

KANSAS CITY STOCK MARKET

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 10, 1927.

Sure, Life is Worth Living. You ride in your motor car, talk to friends miles away over the phone, are entertained and amused by the radio. The radio connects you with New York, Chicago, San Francisco or New Orleans at your will. Speeches, music, song, sermons, etc., float into your home for your enjoyment and education. Such characters as Ford, Edison and Marconi really contributed something to the world. Accomplishments of such men tower above these so-called scientists as Pikes Peak overshadows the floor of grand canyon. Yes, life is worth living.

STEEPS—Moderate receipts this week, fat steer market about steady except 1200 lb. heavy which sold 25 higher. Top heavy steers this week 12.25. Bulk of heavy cattle sold at 9.75 to 10.50, medium 9.00 to 9.50, plain 8.25 to 9.00. Best yearlings brought 12.65 Wednesday; good to choice 10.00. Fat calves good to choice 10.50. Plain 8.50 to 9.00, dogs 7.50 to 8.25.

STOCKS AND FEEDERS—This class 25 to 40 lower, bulk good kinds 8.00 to 8.75, fair to good 7.50 to 8.25; plain 7.00 to 7.50, off colors 5.50 to 6.50.

COWS, HEIFERS AND MIXED YEARLINGS—Although we have had slow markets, it is closing fully 25 higher on all classes except canners and cutters. Bulk mixed yearlings coming sell around 9.50. Few old bunched 10 cents or better. Fancy heifers brought 9.00 to 9.40. Good to choice 8.00 to 8.50. Medium heifers sell at 8 to 9 cents; medium heifers and shortfaced mixed at 7 to 8 cents; plain killing heifers 6.00 to 6.50. Real choice heavy beef cows 7.00 to 7.50, bulk 6.25 to 6.50, medium to good 5.25 to 5.50, plain 4.50 to 5.00. Stock cows and fed heifers sell at 5.00 to 5.50, medium 4.50 to 5.00. Stock heifers mostly feeding heifers 5.00 to 7.75.

CALVES AND BULLS—Killing calves \$1.00 lower for the week, top value 10.00 to 10.25. Top 7.25 to 7.75. Fair to good values hard to move at the full decline. Stock calf market 25 to 50 lower, choice whiteface steers 8.00 to 8.50, reds 7.00 to 7.50. Bulls weak to 25 lower, bolognas 5.00 to 5.50, corneds 5.75.

HOGS—Mostly 10 to 15 higher to date. Light 12.25 to 13.00 to 13.50. Bulk desirable 17.00 to 20.00 11.80 to 12.00, 240's to 300's mostly 11.60 to 11.75. Packing sows 10.60 to 11.00. Stock pigs steady, 11.75 to 12.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Lambs 25 to 35 higher today, after a good morning. Fat lambs 13.00 to 13.35. Top 12.50 to 12.75, top 12.85. Sheep steady, top ewes 8.75, fat wethers 9.00, fat yearling wethers 11.00. Feeding lambs 12.75 to 13.00.

FARMERS UNION LIVE STOCK COMMISSION.

CHICAGO MARKET LETTER

Thursday, Feb. 10, 1927.

"Sitting on Top of the World" Your own firm TOPPED THE LIST in live stock receipts at Chicago Monday of this week. Farmers Union led the market in HOGS, SHEEP and TOTAL CATTLE.

As this is the World's Biggest Market we are "Sitting on Top of the World." That should be true every day.

Cattle Weak and Lower The bulk of fed cattle show 15 to 25c decline this week, spots being off more. Strictly heavy steers in good condition but a weak trade on shortfaced and medium kinds. Strictly fancy light cattle topped \$12.50, but of good kinds \$11.00 to \$12.50. Top on big steers \$12.90 with bulk finished beefers from \$10.50 to \$12.50. The butcher market opened 15 to 25c lower but is closing up strong with some recovery in prices on all grades.

Farmers Union handled fifty consignments of cattle, all classes this week. Iowa shipments from Vinings, Grinnell, Mt. Pleasant, Danville, Wolsen, Lone Tree, Pella, Brighton, Bonaparte, Donahue, Volga, Andover, Malcom, Rock Falls, Wall Lake, Ida Grove, Melcher, St. Anthony, Ho, Holin, Laurens, Illinois, and others. Stockland, Creston, Geneseo, Missouri shipments from Medill and Bucklin. Minnesota shipments, Jackson. We can get you the price and give service. Bill us that next car.

Hogs Lower in Market—Trade. Now many field men are buying the cream of lightweights from \$12.25 to \$12.75 this week while packers are buying their heavy hogs and medium weights from \$11.80 to \$12.25. The spread is widening. Packers are taking this phase of the market will become more pronounced. Hogs are coming heavier every week, fewer lights put them at a premium but after the shipping orders are filled the trade is pretty drab. Packers claim the heavy hogs are not making any money and are doing their best to lower the market. Top early today \$12.40 with most of choice lightweights \$2.15 to \$2.35. After first rounds it was a slaughter trade, packers refusing to pay the early advance of 10 to 15c and offering prices that looked 10c lower. Bulk of sales around \$11.90 to \$12.25 on medium and weighty butchers.

We had the smallest run of the year Monday, only 14,000. Out of this number Farmers Union had twenty cars. Lamb market up to the high point of the year Monday, \$13.60 for shipper's, \$13.85 for packers. Trade is 25 to 50c since Monday, top today \$13.15, bulk of sales \$12.75 to \$13.00. Write for our special sheep bulletins, issued every Friday if you have sheep on feed.

Farmers Union Live Stock Com.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS. The latest constitutions are for sale at this office. You can settle many arguments if you carry one in your pocket. Write to C. E. Brasted, Salina, Kansas, Box 47, enclosing 5c for the copy that is waiting for you.

Department of Practical Co-Operation

We are changing the policy of this department, beginning the first of the year. The Meeting Notices that have appeared here to fore were 100% locals for 1926. At this time we are showing only those that are 100% for 1927. All 100% locals for 1927 that wish their meeting notice to be published will receive this service free of charge. Locals that are not paid up in full but want their meeting notice published can have space in this department for One Cent per word per week.

ALLEN COUNTY

LIBERTY LOCAL NO. 2148**** Meets the second and fourth Friday of each month. Ray Wilson, Sec.

FAIRVIEW LOCAL NO. 2154**** Meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. Mrs. Chas. L. Niewarth, Sec'y.

CHEBROKE COUNTY NEUTRAL LOCAL NO. 2108**** Meets the first Tuesday of each month. C. A. Adkins, Secretary.

ELLSWORTH COUNTY LIBERTY LOCAL NO. 925**** Meets every first Monday of each month. Ed Mog. Sec'y.

TRIVOLI LOCAL NO. 1001**** Meets the first Monday evening in each month. W. H. Fleming, Sec'y.

ELLSWORTH COUNTY

ADVANCE LOCAL NO. 1839**** Meets on the first Monday of each month. F. F. Svoboda, Sec'y.

GREENWOOD COUNTY NEAL LOCAL NO. 1818**** Meets the second and fourth Friday of each month. J. C. Graves, Sec.

GOVE COUNTY PARK LOCAL NO. 365**** Meets the last Saturday of each month. Jas. Hein, Sec'y.

JEWELL COUNTY PLEASANT VALLEY LOCAL NO. 1309**** Meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. Wm. T. Filan, Sec.

JOHNSON COUNTY

STARON LOCAL NO. 1744**** Meets the last Friday evening of each month. Mrs. Gussie K. DeVault, Sec'y.

RUSH COUNTY SAND CREEK LOCAL NO. 304**** Meets the first and third Friday of each month. A. R. Wilson, Sec.

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

TREGO COUNTY VODA LOCAL NO. 712**** Meets the fourth Friday in every month. Alfred Ransmeyer, Sec.-Treas.

FARMER'S UNION HOLD ANOTHER BIG COUNTY MEETING

THIS TIME AT WEST-PHALIA

The Anderson county F. E. C. U. A. had another big meeting February 5, this time the place of meeting was at Westphalia. There were a lot of you we know who were disappointed that day because of the deplorable conditions of the roads, we think we have never experienced such generally bad roads in many years, but those of us who fought the mud and won the effort, just as we always are rewarded with a mighty fine spicy entertainment, if we are permitted to call the meetings entertainments, and we are sure that many of you would be more interested and entertaining for the farmer than to listen to facts and figures from men who know, that begins to show dimly that by and through the program now being staged by the different activities of the Farmers' Union of Kansas, that "There is a Light in the Window for Him."

The auditorium was rather large, and we were curious to know just how many were present, so the chairman asked a member to please pass quickly to the back of the room and count the faithful few who had managed to get through the muddy highways and byways, and to our surprise the good brother reported two hundred, and we noticed that a number came in later.

Well anyway folks it was one of the best meetings yet seen of the folks here. We just don't know what to say about it, we attend them all, or practically all, and it is hard for us to determine just which are best, as our county meetings have been running mighty good for some time. It is instead of waiting until it is an assured thing, then expect to ride, personally we would feel sort a yellow.

There is nothing to lose goodness knows as we are already and have been for some time producing at a loss, with the present marketing system, it can't be any worse, for at the present rate we all know we will be tenant farmers within the next few years, and if we cannot see anything but the money side of it, we should get in the game for good or for evil, the as we said before, the one who joins just for a selfish motive will probably be disappointed in the beginning but will ultimately succeed not because of his efforts but in spite of them.

Folks the next county meeting will be a Colony, Lone Elm bid for the meeting, but as there had been no meeting at Colony for some time, Lone Elm did not push their bid, so we will all go to Colony, for one of the biggest meetings thus far, get ready folks, for there are going to be some happenings at Colony, the folks around there are boosters, so be on hands for a gala day. I thank you. County Correspondent.

CAN COUNT CHICKS BEFORE HATCHED.

Constitutional vigor is by far the most important among points to consider in the selection of a breeding stock, according to G. T. Klein, Kansas State Agricultural college extension poultryman. Good vigor is noted by a bright comb, deep body, broad back, and general good looks.

Klein has observed that hens which are last to molt and the pullets that were the first to come into production are the best layers in the flock. It is an excellent plan to go over the pullets and band those that have matured first.

The selection of suitable male birds to head the breeding stock means the selection of half the flock. If the flock is to be improved the males must always be considerably better than the females. It is not necessary to obtain new blood each year.

"A difference of 20 to 25 per cent in the hatchability of the eggs has been noted by Klein between hens that did and those that did not have access to direct sunshine. Direct sunlight falling upon the body of the hen produces a vitamin which enables the hen to absorb the mineral from the intestine into the blood. Because window glass filters out the health giving rays, sunshine must be direct. Good layer oil has been found to increase hatchability of eggs from hens that do not have sunshine. One pint of the oil to 100 pounds of grain or wet mash is sufficient to meet the needs of the hens for this D vitamin."

A lack of vitamin A—found in green feeds, fresh or dry, and yellow corn—not only lowers the vigor of the birds but also lowers the hatchability of the eggs and the livability of the chicks. White corn, kafir and milo do not contain this essential health vitamin.

A LIST OF IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS ON LIVE QUESTIONS DEMANDING LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Protest Against Legalizing Sunday Hunting.

RESOLVED, by Crawford County Farmers Union No. 25 in regular delegate convention; That we most earnestly object to the enactment of any

believe we have received substantial rebates already, by the better prices maintained at points where there has been co-operation established but the results are negligible compared to the results or good obtained, if we joined the organization with that bigger and broader vision of a brighter and better rural life of the great middle west, and through this more ideal condition, advancing the standards of living and letting live throughout the world at large. If our treasure is the getting our shoulder under the burden of our brother and helping him to lift his load, then indeed will we have received our hearts desire, for in lifting our brother, it follows just as night follows day, that we will be lifted and enriched in as much as we lift. Folks let lose sight of the little time we now, just at this time, by boosting all our state wide activities, though we do not realize any appreciable money advancement just at this particular minute, but let us keep our eyes on the goal, of a Nation wide co-operative marketing system, a system that will establish justice, promote the general welfare and establish the golden rule. This is not a hairbrained idea, that has not been tested out, the little country of Denmark has had the same system in operation for years, and she receives sixty five cents out of every dollar she produces, that is the farmer receives sixty five cents, where as the American farmer receives thirty five cents, and personally we cannot see why when we are receiving just as much as we get from old line firms, or even better by establishing our own marketing system, all through the time we are establishing it, re repeat we cannot see what excuse any farmer can console himself with, that he does not get behind the load and help to lift it. Instead of waiting until it is an assured thing, then expect to ride, personally we would feel sort a yellow.

There is nothing to lose goodness knows as we are already and have been for some time producing at a loss, with the present marketing system, it can't be any worse, for at the present rate we all know we will be tenant farmers within the next few years, and if we cannot see anything but the money side of it, we should get in the game for good or for evil, the as we said before, the one who joins just for a selfish motive will probably be disappointed in the beginning but will ultimately succeed not because of his efforts but in spite of them.

Folks the next county meeting will be a Colony, Lone Elm bid for the meeting, but as there had been no meeting at Colony for some time, Lone Elm did not push their bid, so we will all go to Colony, for one of the biggest meetings thus far, get ready folks, for there are going to be some happenings at Colony, the folks around there are boosters, so be