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F. UNION RESOLUTIONS

ASK FOR PARTY CONVENTIONS AT CONVENIENT TIME FOR FARMERS AND FOR FARMERS ON PLATFORM COMMITTEES—URGE ANTI-JUG LAW.

At the annual meeting of the North Carolina Farmers' Union held at Greenville last week there were a number of resolutions of public interest adopted, these dealing with matters of state-wide importance. These resolutions are:

State-wide Primary.

Resolved, That we urge the establishment of a state-wide legalized primary for all officers from constable to President, the primary to be held for all parties the same day, regulated by a rigid corrupt practices act.

Cotton Acreage.

We recommend the curtailment of the 1915 cotton crop to not exceeding 50 per cent of the cultivated acreage.

Taxation, Land Segregation Between the Races, Etc.

With regard to the portions of the president's address referred to our committee, we recommend:

1. We urge the most rigid economy of county and state governments, including a more economical conduct of the State Legislature, a better purchasing system for state institutions, the salary system instead of the fee system, the abolition of the office of county treasurer. We also urge locals and our people to consider a more economical system of county government, including also consideration of commission government.

2. That we ask the next Legislature to adopt a thorough modern law for the management of co-operative enterprises and that our state council push this proposition to success.

3. That we earnestly reiterate our endorsement of the following plan adopted at our last session urging Land Segregation Between the Races and urge our local unions to help bring it about, to-wit: That wherever the greater proportion of the land acreage in any community is owned by one race, a majority of the voters of that race may say, if they wish, that in future no land shall be sold to persons of a different race, provided such action is approved by a reviewing judge or board of commissioners as being necessary to their peace, safety, and the protection of their social life.

4. We believe the burden of taxation should be taken off of labor and thrift, and imposed upon inheritances and unearned incomes. We urge therefore that the North Carolina inheritance tax law be made similar to that of Wisconsin and Kansas.

5. We urge that party conventions shall be held at seasons convenient to our farmers so that they may be properly represented, and that they shall hereafter exert themselves to see that farmers have adequate and efficient representation on all platform committees.

Smith-Lever Bill.

Whereas by a recent act of the United States Congress known as the Smith-Lever Act, a large sum of money has been appropriated to enable each state to carry information on all farming matters and on all home science matters directly to farmers and to farm women by means of extension and demonstration service; and

Whereas, for the farmers and their wives this is one of the most materially helpful acts that Congress has passed in years and will aid in every way the farm home; and

Whereas, it will be necessary in order that North Carolina may get a full share of this important appropriation that the state should appropriate an equal sum; therefore be it

Resolved, by the State Farmers' Union, that we urge our Legislature by all means to appropriate enough money for the farmers to secure the State's full share of this Congressional appropriation, and instruct our committees to do all in their power to secure the passage of such an act.

For Mutual Fire Insurance.

Whereas, fire insurance has become to be one of the necessities that every farmer should carefully consider, and

Whereas, it has been shown by more than twenty-five years of successful operation in North Carolina that the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association has proved to be the cheapest fire insurance ever offered to our farmers, because—

1st. It is purely co-operative;
2nd. Is run at a minimum expense;
3rd. It is controlled and run by the members of the county or district comprising the different branches of the Association;

4th. It is now carrying farm insurance in the state aggregating \$17,570,886. Therefore be it

Resolved, by the State Farmers' Union, that we commend the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association to North Carolina to our membership throughout the state, and also to all North Carolina farmers, and recommend that they examine into the merits of said association with a view to taking out insurance in it.

For Repeal of Crop Lien Law

Whereas, we are conscious of the

M. P. APPOINTMENTS

CONFERENCE AT ASHEVILLE CLOSED MONDAY AFTERNOON—THE APPOINTMENTS GIVEN BELOW—REV. C. L. WHITAKER RETURNED TO ASHEBORO.

Greensboro was selected as the place for holding the next session by the members of the North Carolina Methodist Protestant Conference at their final session Monday afternoon and pastors were assigned to their charges for the coming year. The reports of the stationing committee was adopted on the conference floor as follows:

Alamance, J. A. Ledbetter; Anderson, W. A. Lamar, supply; Asheboro, C. L. Whitaker; Asheville, Cuthbert W. Bates; Buncombe, T. E. Martin, supply; Burlington, George L. Curry; Cleveland, W. C. Lassiter; Charlotte, D. A. Braswell; Caswell, J. H. Abernethy, supply; Concord, J. H. Hutton; Davidson, J. W. Halin, supply; Denton, G. L. Reynolds; Falston, J. H. Moton; Fairview, J. W. Self; Flat Rock, W. F. Kannett; Forsyth, A. O. Lindley; Gaston, W. H. Meese; Greenville, D. T. Surratt; Granville, N. G. Bethea; Graham and Haw River, O. B. Williams; Greensboro, R. M. Andrews; Guilford, S. N. Needham; Halifax, R. A. Swaringer; Haw River, W. F. Ashburn; Henderson, J. D. Williams; High Point, A. G. Dixon; Lenoir, J. W. Alford, supply; Lehigh, R. C. Stubbins; Lincoln, B. M. Loy; Littleton, C. J. Edwards; Lenoir, H. D. Garmon, supply; Mehane, W. E. Swain; Mecklenburg, H. B. Waldrop; Mocksville, T. A. Williams; Mount Herman, C. H. Whitaker; Mount Pleasant, Robert Troxler; Oak Ridge, L. W. Geringer; Orange, J. A. Burgess; Pageland, J. W. Quick, supply; Person, W. D. Surratt; Piedmont, A. D. Shelton; Pinnacle and Mount Zion, Ed. Suttis; Randleman, J. B. O'Brian; Randolph, W. M. Pike; Reidsville, E. G. Lowdermilk; Richland, D. A. Highfill; Roanoke, T. E. Davis; Rockingham, J. F. Allred, supply; Saxapahaw, George W. Holmes; Shelby, J. D. Morris; Siler City, J. H. Bowman; Stanly, W. D. Reed; St. Paul, G. F. Millway; Spring Church, T. F. McCulloch; Tabernacle, T. M. Johnson; Thomasville, J. E. Pritchard; Uwharrie, J. d. Trogdon; Vance, A. L. Hunter; West Forsyth, C. H. Austin; Why Not, J. B. Stowe; Winston, S. W. Taylor; Welch Memorial, High Point, D. K. Williams; Yadkin College, H. L. Powell.

The following pastors were not given regular assignments, the naming of their fields for the year being left in the hands of the president: T. H. Matthews, William Porter, J. F. Dezisier, O. B. Stacey, E. N. D. Watson, M. F. Hinchshaw, B. D. Thompson, D. A. Fisher, L. H. Hatley, H. W. Braswell, Homer Casse, W. R. Lowdermilk, W. P. Martin, Supernumers: J. J. York, George E. Hunt, W. C. Kennett, C. E. M. Hapner.

Rev. J. F. McCulloch was named as editor of the Methodist Protestant Herald, while the following pastors were named: C. E. Forlines to Westminster Theological Seminary; W. T. Totten to Yadkin College; J. S. Williams to Asheville Good Samaritan mission.

10 plus 60 is greater than 60 plus 10.

What is supposed to be record speed in getting men to a forest fire is reported from Oregon, where one of the national forests, a ranger went to town, hired ten men, and got this force to the fire twelve miles away within 48 minutes after he was notified by telephone.

necessity of an adequate system of rural credits, this being the only great civilized country that is without some form of rural credits; and further, that our present form of legalized rural credits in North Carolina, costing us it does from fifty to a hundred percent to those who are in the habit of using it, is doing more than anything else to perpetuate and increase tenantry in the State. Therefore be it

Resolved, that we ask the Legislature to repeal the law providing for the present crop lien system of rural credits, said law to become effective one year after date of enactment.

Fertilizer Matters.

Whereas, numerous complaints of short weight fertilizers have been made, therefore be it

Resolved, that we urge members of Locals to look after this matter and report mistakes to the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Resolved, that we urge that fertilizer sacks shall show the source of the ammonia used in them.

Use of Cotton Material.

We recommend cotton goods for sacks and covering for cotton bales, so far as practicable.

Institutions for Wayward Girls

Resolved, that we rejoice in the work of the Jackson Training School and urge the state as soon as possible to provide a similar institution for wayward and delinquent girls.

New Building for Agricultural Department

Resolved, that we favor the erection of a new building from the funds of the Department as soon as they can be spared without crippling its work

F. E. & C. U. MEETS

ANNUAL MEETING LARGELY ATTENDED—MR. JULIAN GIVES AN INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

Asheboro, N. C., Nov. 25, 1914.

Editor The Courier:

Wishing to be helpful to every member of the organization of which I am a member, I feel that I would fail to do my duty, as one of the officers of the Farmers' Union in this county if I did not tell the farmer folks about the meeting of the State Convention in Greenville, last week. To which you sent me, what for? To keep what I saw, what I heard and what I learned, wrapped up in myself? I think not. This convention was full of interest from start to finish, for anywhere Dr. H. Q. Alexander is found, there is interest, there is leadership, there is education and there is power in him. In him is power that convinces you, that behind his words is a great spirit full of love for his fellow countrymen who have been so long neglected and misused.

Associated with him and a very close second too, we find the State Organizer, Mr. Green always ready to champion the cause of the farmers, ever ready to speak cheer to him and brighten the prospect before him, along the lines that tend to unite and make co-operation a success. These with Dr. Templeton and E. C. Faires, make a quartet that any organized body ought to be proud of.

Behind all are found that able set of Executive Officers: Wright, Moore, Gibson, Stone and Poe, who steer our ship so well.

This convention was full of interest from the time the first gavel fell until it came to a close, with the last prayer, and the only thing that filled us with regret, is that every farmer in the state could have been there and heard the speeches of the astute Barrett, the fervent Rhodes, or the learned Henson, tell of the many things done by the Union and the many yet to be done. These speeches would fill you with a more stronger desire to join with your brother farmers and help him to bring about the work of co-operation, so much needed in the dear old county of Randolph.

Now I want to say a word or two about the Farmers' Union in this county and about what I think we ought to do. Many of the locals set up in this county have lost members, because they have been too selfish to help do what they obligated to do. When they joined the Union; Co-operative and Educational Union don't mean pay a dollar to join and at the same time take a sack along to bring back two dollars worth. Many of our members have been too quick to find fault, and say and do that which has done much harm to the cause of Co-operative Education in this county. Can't you see my brother that this plan of Co-operation has enemies?

Even in our own ranks and that we have many who are so full of politics that they lose sight of everything else. Now brother, why is it that old Randolph don't have a single thing advertised to sell, when she has the finest wheat, corn and many other products that would find ready market if we would only let the world know we had it to sell.

Then, what is it that has made Randolph a backward county, and why is it that so many of our good citizens have sought other counties? Is it selfishness, is it ignorance, is it politics?

Now, brethren, don't you think it is about time to lay aside some of the hickering things, and come together in an effort to sell the farm products of Randolph county to the public and by a united co-operative effort being thousands of dollars to the farmers of this county? So long as every local union sets up a separate agency, and each individual in it, keeps apart from the effort to unite the interests of the farmer, just as long will the enemies of the co-operation triumph. What the farmers of this county ought to do, is to put money enough together to give their business a rank and standing before the business world. That would insure success to the enterprise.

With these thoughts for your consideration. We will announce that on Saturday, Dec. 5. The annual county meeting will be held in the courthouse in Asheboro, at 11 o'clock. All local Unions are requested to send delegates, as this is the regular time for the election of Officers for the coming year. Let's come together then and have a heart-to-heart talk.

With high regards,
Wm. R. JULIAN, Sec.

JAPAN SAID SHE WOULD LICK THE TAR OUT OF GERMANY

Immediately after Japan's declaration of war upon Germany the Japanese Ambassador at Washington sent Secretary Bryan the following notice with instructions to deliver to the German Government:

"Will you kindly notify the most honorable German Government, in behalf of the humble Japanese Government, that the utterly unworthy Japanese Government deeply regrets the necessity to lick the tar out of the exalted and ennobled German Government, and shall forthwith proceed to the operation."

N. C. CONFERENCE CLOSES

A PART OF THE APPOINTMENTS ARE GIVEN BELOW—INTERESTING STATISTICS REPORTED.

The statistical secretary made the following report. Number of the conference local preachers and members, 85,234; infants baptized, 849; adults baptized, 2,824; Epworth Leagues, 115; Epworth League members, 4,487; Sunday schools, 623; Sunday school members, 61,497; collected for foreign missions, \$21,458; home and conference missions, \$10,271; church extension, \$8,929; education, \$11,231; presiding elders, 28,901; preachers in charge, \$192,194; bishops, \$8,186; societies, 750; houses of worship 741; additions on professions of faith during the year, 4,258; collected for all purposes, \$603,797.

The following appointments will be of interest to the Courier readers:

Rockingham District

Presiding elder, J. H. Hall; Aberdeen and Biscoe, W. H. Brown; Caledonia circuit, J. B. Thompson; Candor circuit, G. T. Simmons; Elizabeth circuit, G. H. Biggs; Hamlet, M. D. Tuttle; Laurel Hill circuit, D. B. Parker; Laurinburg, R. F. Bumpass; Lumberton, W. B. North; Lumberton circuit, N. L. Seabolt; Maxton, A. L. Ormond; Midway and Roberdell, B. F. Watson, supply; Mt. Gilead circuit, N. E. Coltrane; Montgomery circuit, D. A. Watkins; Raeford circuit, S. T. Moyle; W. H. Townsend, supernumerary; Red Springs, H. M. Eure; Richmond circuit, J. H. Barker; Roberdell circuit, S. J. McConnell, supply; Robeson circuit, B. E. Stanfield; Rockingham, J. B. Hurley; Rowland circuit, J. A. Lee; and E. W. Townsend, supernumerary; St. John and Gibson, O. W. Dowd; St. Paul circuit, A. T. Groves; Troy circuit, J. T. Draper; Vass circuit, W. F. Trawick; conference evangelist, L. L. Nash; Carolina College president, S. E. Mercer.

Miscellaneous

Presiding Elder of the Durham district, H. M. North; South Alamance, W. F. Curraway; Presiding Elder of the Fayetteville district, J. T. Gibbs; Pittsboro circuit, W. F. Craven; Sanford, H. E. Spence; Presiding Elder of the Raleigh district, M. T. Plyler; Garner circuit, E. B. Craven; Graniteville circuit, M. D. Hix; Smithfield, E. B. John; Presiding Elder of the Wilmington district, L. E. Thompson; Chatham circuit, D. L. Earnhardt.

A WORD TO CRITICS

We have a word to say to the fellow who is always ready to criticize his home newspaper. We "grew up" in a printshop, so to speak, and have learned a few things—not nearly everything of course—about running a country newspaper. We put this down among our observations: That the average critic of a good country newspaper is in nine cases out of ten a rank failure and cannot even run his own business with any degree of success. The world is full of fellows who always are anxious to tell the owner of a newspaper how it should be run, but when it comes down to brass tacks and they are asked to make good at even most simple tasks they find away like a slice of bacon before a hungry man. Still, they have the fun of kicking and that is a whole lot. Experience has taught the Courier that when a fellow stops his paper (generally leaving a small balance unpaid) he does so because the editor has had the courage to tell the truth about something that makes the conscience of the critic uneasy.

PERSONS LIABLE TO THE WAR REVENUE TAX IN RANDOLPH

The county deputy collector of the special war tax was in Asheboro Monday of this week securing the names of those parties who are liable in Randolph county.

Mr. Robinson has sent the names and addresses of such persons as he could secure who are liable for the tax, and blanks will be sent to them to make out returns on and make remittance to the Collector of tax liable for on or before November 30, 1914. It is not all probable that Mr. Robinson has secured names of all persons liable for the tax, and he requests all persons liable for the tax to write Col. A. D. Watts, Collector, Statesville, N. C., for blanks as referred above.

The following parties are liable for tobacco, proprietors of theaters, pool rooms, billiard rooms, bowling alleys, pawnbrokers, commercial brokers, and commission merchants.

The Collector will advise when he sends blanks what the tax will be. The tax is small and will not be a hardship on any one but it must be paid on or before November 30, 1914.

The law provides for imposing a penalty of 50 per cent of the amount due as tax of those who have not paid by the first of December.

If those liable for the tax fail to pay before December 1, there is no escape from the increase of the tax of 50 per cent penalty.

This tax applies to all merchants and drug stores that sell tobacco. No personal checks will be accepted by the Collector as it is against the rules of the Government. Only cash or money order or New York draft will be accepted in payment of this tax.

AN EXCELLENT IDEA

LADIES OF RANDOLPH BOOK CLUB SAY "NO USELESS CHRISTMAS GIVING"

At the meeting of the Randolph Book Club last Friday at the home of Mrs. T. H. Redding, it was decided that the members would not indulge in useless Christmas giving but rather use that money for charity. A committee composed of Mesdames J. D. Ross, J. T. Mullitt and W. A. Underwood was appointed to confer with the different organizations of the town and ask that each co-operate in this work. The suggestion has been made that one or two members from each organization be appointed to serve on a central committee whose business it is to ascertain the needs and do the work systematically. This is splendid work and it will put money into channels that will be most commendable and useful. Christmas giving is all right but when our country is so prosperous it seems nothing but right that some sacrifices be made. The money saved from Christmas presents can be used for local charity or sent to war sufferers. The children and all organizations can do much good along this line and the people will soon realize that they will receive quite as much joy in giving for the cause of charity.

M. E. CHURCH STATISTICS

From the reports of the various boards of the conference the following statistics are gathered:

Local preachers, 191; members, 99,471; additions—professions, 4,927; additions—certificate, 4,458; removals, 6,178; increase in membership over last year, 2,189; baptised infants, 2,880; baptised adults, 2,826; number of pastoral charges, 235; number of parsonages, 119; number churches, 832; number districts, 10; number district parsonages, 10; value of parsonages, \$461,990; indebtedness of parsonages, \$22,651; value of churches, \$2,495,496; indebtedness of churches, \$159,491; value district parsonages, \$50,800; indebtedness district parsonages, \$6,225; women's societies, 171; members, 5,803; amount collected, \$33,073; number of Sunday Schools, 811; number of teachers and officers, 5,924; number of scholars, 81,732; number of scholars joining church, 2,615; number in cradle roll, 1,658; number of Bible classes, 321; number of training classes, 45; number of home department scholars, 1,471; foreign missions, \$15,911,71; foreign mission special \$11,750.30; home and conference, \$18,194.80; conference special, \$831.40; church extension, \$8,502.87; church extension special, \$87; education, \$9,900.57; American Bible society, \$402.98; Epworth League, 62; members, 22,073.

RALEIGH IRON WORKS TO MAKE SHELLS—CONTRACT WITH NAVY DEPARTMENT

After half a century, the Federal Government turns to Raleigh and awards contracts for the construction of 12,000 projectiles at a cost of \$100,000. This is the first time since the Civil War that projectiles or weapons of war of any kind have been made in Raleigh. During the war the Raleigh Iron Works turned out shells, bayonets and sabres for the Confederacy. The projectiles which are to be made will be as large around as the trunk of a half grown tree. Machinery had to be ordered for this work and will be the first of its kind ever in North Carolina. There is a plant in Richmond manufacturing similar projectiles, the only one in the South. Mr. W. T. Harding, president of the Raleigh Iron Works, was most fortunate in securing this contract for his enterprise.

COUNTRY-LIFE LECTURERS

During 1913-14 lectures were delivered in 128 North Carolina communities by members of the University faculty, no other expense being incurred by the communities for which the lectures were made than the traveling expenses of the speaker.

Among 125 or more subjects which are offered for the present year upon the same terms are the following which are of special interest to rural communities:

Community Nest Eggs, by Prof. E. C. Branson; Geology in Relation to Soils, by Prof. Collier Cobb; Electricity on the farm, by Prof. P. H. Duggett; Home Illumination, by Dr. C. H. Hertz; Private Water Systems for the Home and Farm, by Prof. T. F. Hickerson; The Origin and Prevention of Typhoid Fever, Dr. W. D. MacNider; Co-operative Marketing of Farm Products, by Dr. C. L. Raper; The Farmer's Part in Highway Improvement, by Prof. M. H. Stacy; The Farm Life School, by Dr. L. A. Williams; Books for the Farm and How to get them, by Dr. L. R. Wilson.

Winston-Salem had two big fires within twenty-four hours last week.

Judge J. C. Pritchard, of Asheville, has been appointed one of the arbitrators of the pending controversy between the western railroads and their engineers and firemen.

Rev. C. A. Cecil, of High Point, was re-elected president of the North Carolina Methodist Protestant Conference at Asheville last week.

Miss Volma McAuley, fifteen years old of Hillsboro, was struck by a freight car last Thursday and was so badly injured that she died on Friday.

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT THE DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY—POLITICAL AND OTHERWISE.

A report says that Germany has lost 1,175,000 men in the present conflict.

Forest fires are reported to be raging all over Arkansas. Fifteen acres are reported to be on fire between Little Rock and Hot Springs.

General Villa has informed the United States government that he has issued general orders for the execution of any of his soldiers for molesting women or pillaging on entering Mexico City.

The postoffice at West Durham was broken into Monday night and every cent in money and every stamp in the place, amounting to about \$300, stolen.

The flag of the Mexican republic again floats over Vera Cruz. The American forces evacuated the city Monday after having been in possession seven months. The Constitutionists marched in as the Americans withdrew.

The 78th session of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, closed at Washington, N. C., Monday. The conference went on record as opposing Sunday publications, soda fountains, cigar stands and excursions.

John Laws, 94 years old, Register of Deeds of Orange county for the past sixty-four years, and who is believed to hold the record in the United States for continuous service in an elective office, died of pneumonia at his home in Hillsboro Monday.

Sunday, the 29th, the lid is to go on for the closing of all four of the drug stores in High Point. The rule for some time has been that one drug store remain open on Sunday, alternating with each other.

The Durham Branch of the Southern Association of College Women in a meeting last Wednesday expressed their loyalty to the movement for a Co-ordinate College for Women to be established at Trinity College.

Rev. C. A. Cecil, president of the Methodist Protestant Conference, declared at the annual session in Asheville last week that their ministers were the least paid of any in the state.

Chas. M. Schwab, a big steel manufacturer of New York, has returned from Europe and declares that present conditions inspire business confidence and that manufacturing everywhere will soon be on a big boom.

President Wilson says he wants peace, but not "at any price" as is reported he said. The assertion that he is reported to have made, "that under no circumstances could America be provoked into war by Turkish outrages," is officially denied.

Apple wood, used almost exclusively for saw handles, also furnishes the material for many so-called briar-wood pipes and particularly for large wooden type used in printing signs and posters.

The State school of forestry at Bottineau, North Dakota, announces that it will have one million trees for distribution to the citizens of the State during 1915.

Pochob, Germany, is said to have the most profitable town forest known in Europe.

CANCER. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT IT

Cancer killed over 1,200 North Carolinians last year. One man out of every eight and one man out of every fourteen that reaches forty years of age dies from cancer. At present 90 percent of cancer attacks prove fatal. This is largely because they were not recognized early and removed by a competent surgeon. Cancers usually appear at some point of local irritation, such as corns, chaps on the breast or a cigar stump or vine on the lip.

Be on the lookout for cancer. Any painless lump appearing on the body should be explained by a physician. A lump on the breast that does not disappear in two weeks should be examined by a doctor. Moles, warts, or marks on the body, which begin to change in appearance or show signs of irritation, should be completely removed. Don't wait to be absolutely sure it is a cancer before you act. It may be too late then, and other parts of the body may be similarly infected by that time. The chances of cure are very high with early operations, but these chances decrease with every day of delay. Don't waste time with advertised cancer cures. They don't cure. An operation is practically painless, and the only reliable means of curing the disease.

TO PROLONG LIFE

Take no chances. With whiskey or other alcoholic drinks. With cigarettes or other tobacco products. With "dopes" or other poisonous drugs. With the sowing of wild oats or other forms of vice.