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ANNUAL MEETING OF AMERICAN PLOWMEN

National Farmers' Union Renders Unselfish Service to Agriculture

By Peter Radford.

The National Farmers' Union will hold its annual convention in Lincoln Nebraska, on September seventh, and will wind out the eleventh year of its activities in the interest of the American plowman. When that convention is called to order every farmer in America should pause and bow his head in honor of the men gathered there to render a patriotic and unselfish service to agriculture. That organization, born in the cotton fields of Texas, has grown until geographically it covers almost the whole of the United States and economically it deals with every question in which the welfare of the men who have their backs to the summer sun are involved. It has battled for a better marketing system, rural credits, cheap money, diversification, scientific production, agricultural legislation and has carried on its work of education and co-operation in season and out.

The Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America brings the question of organization squarely before every farmer in this nation. Without organization the farmer can neither help himself nor be helped by others and through organization and systematic effort all things are possible.

The farmers of the United States contribute more and get less from government than any other class of business. They have better securities and pay a higher rate of interest than any other line of industry. They market more products and have less to say in fixing the price than any other business and they get more political buncombe and less constructive legislation than any other class of people. The farmers can only acquire such influence in business, in government and in economics as will enable them to share equitably the fruits of their labor through organization and every farmer on American soil who desires to help himself and his fellow plowmen should rally around the Union.

GRASPING AT THE SHADOW

No man—especially if he is married—would deny woman any right she demands. Take the earth and give us peace, but why does woman long for the ballot?

When all is said and done, is not the selection of the butcher more important to the home than the election of a mayor? Is not the employment of the dairymaid a far more important event in the life of the children than the appointment of a postmaster? Is not the selection of books for the family library more important than voting bonds for jail and court house? Why does woman lay aside the important things in life? Why leave the substance and grasp at the shadow?

It is said to the credit of womanhood that it is not, as a rule, the woman who rocks the cradle that wants to cast the ballot; it is not the mother who teaches her children to say "Now I lay me down to sleep" that haggards the populace; it is not the daughter who hopes to reign as queen over a happy home that longs for the uniform of the suffragette. It is, as a rule, the woman who despises her home, neglects her children and scorns motherhood that leads parade and smashes windows.

Mrs. Ellen White Dead.
St. Helena, Cal.—Mrs. Ellen G. White, one of the founders of the Seventh Day Adventists, died here aged 88. She was widely known among members of that denomination and by many she was regarded as their prophetess.

Verdict in Lusitania Case.
London.—Tribunal created by a subcommittee of German nationality caused the loss of the steamship Lusitania and its passengers, according to the findings of the court of inquiry. The court, announcing its opinion, held that no blame attached to either Captain Turner, commander of the vessel, or the German line, its owners. "In an opinion of the court the act was done not merely with the intention of sinking the ship but also with the intention of destroying the lives of the persons on board," the opinion says.

POLITICAL GOSSIPS

When one class of people has anything to say, it has become largely the custom to make a political issue out of it instead of a friendly discussion, to print it in a law book instead of a newspaper and to argue it before a jury instead of to settle it in the higher courts of Common Sense. As a result, political agitators, political lawyers, political preachers and masculine women are powerful in politics and discussion, selfishness, intolerance and hysterics run rampant in public affairs, for when the low, damp, murky atmosphere of misunderstanding envelops public thought it breeds political reptiles, vermin, bugs and lice which the pure air of truth and the sunshine of understanding will choke to death.

We have too many self-appointed interpreters of industry who are incapable of grasping the fundamental principles of business and who at best can only translate gossip and add color to sensational stories. No business can stand upon error and might rules—right or wrong. No industry can thrive upon misunderstanding, for public opinion is more powerful than a King's sword.

When prejudice, suspicion and class hatred prevail, power gravitates into the hands of the weak, for demagogues thrive upon discussion and statesmen sicken upon strife.

The remedy lies in eliminating the middleman—the political gossip—and this result can be accomplished by the managers of business sitting around the table of industry and talking it over with the people. Interchange of information between industries and the people is as necessary

NOTICE!

Notice of registration and election upon the proposition to issue Fifty Thousand Dollars worth of Road Bonds by Farmville township, Pitt County, North Carolina.

North Carolina, Pitt County.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Pitt County in regular session assembled on the 5th day of July, 1915, it being the regular meeting held on the first Monday of July, 1915, ordered an election to be held in Farmville township, Pitt county, North Carolina, on Tuesday the 21st day of September, 1915, at the regular polling place in the town of Farmville for said township on the question or proposition of issuing Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars worth of Road Bonds, to bear Five per cent interest per annum, payable semi-annually, and to run for a period of Thirty (30) years, the funds received for the same to be used for the purpose of laying out, establishing, repairing, grading, constructing and improving in any way the Public Roads in Farmville township as provided by an Act of the Legislature of North Carolina, Session of 1913, designated as Chapter One Hundred and twenty-two (122) of the Public Laws of North Carolina.

And notice is further hereby given that an entirely new registration for said election was ordered and called and that B. O. Turnage was and is appointed Registrar for said Election, and that the Books for Registration will be opened on Monday, August 16, 1915, and closed at sunset on Saturday, September 11, 1915, that on each Saturday during the said Registration period the Registration Books will be open at the regular Polling place in the town of Farmville, North Carolina, and at all other times during said period will be open at the office of B. O. Turnage in the town of Farmville, North Carolina, and all citizens desiring to vote in said Bond Election to be held on September 21, 1915, will be required to register.

This 5th day of July, 1915.

S. A. CONGLETON, Chm.
Board County Commissioners.
BRASCOE BELL, Clerk.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

IX—Peter Radford

On "Back to the Soil With Wall Street"



When Wall Street wants good business men she usually goes back to the soil to get them. That financial thoroughfare is said to be honeycombed with men who have plowed barefooted, who have drunk branch water, eaten cornbread and molasses and slept on the floor in their early days. A man is more capable of holding the reins of business who knows how to drive a team of mules, shear a sheep or put a ring in a sheep's nose. A man is better equipped to meet the problems of life who in his youth has walked the log across the creek to get to school, courted the girls at husking bees and pitched horse shoes Saturday afternoon. A man who has spent the moonlight nights of his youth possum hunting, going to protracted meetings and occasionally turning down the community at a spelling match has the right sort of stuff in him to make a good business man. The active officials of most of the large business organizations of America it is said were, with a very few exceptions, raised on the farm, and could swim the creek, pitch hay, chop wood, milk the cows or slop the hogs as easily as they can run world-wide business institutions.

The farmers look to these capable and loyal sons of the soil to assist in the solution of the business problems of agriculture. Wall Street is reputed to be capable of financing everything from a Y. M. C. A. to a war, so why not lend to a local banker, to lend to a broker to lend to a merchant, to lend to the landlord to lend to a farmer. Such a financial system would like the house that Jack built, and is just about as useful. Neither is assistance complete when money is furnished buyers, to "move the crop." What the farmer wants is money to hold the crop. What better security is there than a warehouse receipt for a bale of cotton, a sack of wheat or a bushel of corn and why will such securities not travel by the side of government bonds?

The American farmer is a capable plowman. He always has filled and always will fill the nation's granary, larger and wardrobe, but he has nothing to say in fixing the price of his products. The problem confronting the farmers of this nation today is marketing and its solution depends first upon the farmer organizing for concert of action and the co-operation of the financial interests in marketing the crop. Agriculture is the biggest business in America and the only one that has not a financial system adapted to its use

to success in business as interchange in commodities, for the people can only rule when the public understands. Away with political interpreters who summon evil spirits from their prison cells and loose them to prey upon the welfare of the people in the name of "My Country."

RUSSIANS ARE PUSHED BACK.

German Give Them Little Time to Re-Organize Army.

London.—The Austro-German armies which appear to be working in perfect concert as the result of the German organization are giving the Russians little rest or time to reorganize after their retreat from Galicia.

Simultaneously with the German effort to reach Warsaw, the Austrians have attacked along the Dniester and have crossed that river at several points.

General von Mackensen's army, which doubtless had been waiting for Field Marshal von Hindenburg to move in the north, also has come to lay again and fighting has been resumed in Southern Poland.

In fact, there is fighting of more or less severity all along the Russian front except in central Poland, where the Russians are in such strong positions, that in the opinion of military men, it would be impossible to break through.

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TOWN ORDINANCE THAT WILL BE ENFORCED SAYS THE MAYOR.

CHAPTER 2.—CONCERNING STREETS.

Sec. 1.—Every owner of a lot and every occupant of a lot shall keep the sidewalks clean and clear of weeds, grass and other rank vegetation as far as lot shall extend. Every owner and occupant of a lot shall keep all gutters open and free from obstruction as far as such lot extends. If any dirt, rubbish, ashes or other things be placed or left without lawful authority upon such sidewalk or footway or in any of the gutters or street adjacent thereto, the occupant of such lot shall remove the same. If after written notice by the Chief of Police or Street Commissioners, requiring him to move the same prohibited by this ordinance, he shall fail for twenty-four hours to remove the same, he shall be fined One Dollar for each day thereafter it may so remain.

CHARTER OF TOWN OF FARMVILLE, N. C.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Sec. 5.—That the Board of Commissioners may require property owners to construct and keep in repair such sidewalks adjacent to their property in such manner as the Board may direct and should any owner of such property refuse or fail to so construct or repair such sidewalks after twenty days' notice the Board may have the same constructed or repaired, and the cost thereof shall be added to the taxes paid on said property on the tax list of the next succeeding year and collected as a tax upon property listed for taxation.

PRESS TOWARD WARSAW.

Austro-German March Against Russians Appears Irresistible.

London.—The seemingly irresistible march of the Austro-German armies is winning for them town after town in Russian Poland and in other territory through which stretches the thousand-mile battle front in the East.

Two pivotal points in their drive in Poland have been turned by the Teutonic Allies. Ostrolenka, a stronghold on the Narew River, 70 miles north-east of Warsaw and Radom, 57 miles to the south of that town and 30 miles from Ivangorod, another of the great fortresses which girdle the Polish capital, have fallen, according to Berlin and Vienna.

Governor to Make Inquiry.

Atlanta, Ga.—Governor Harris announced that he would accompany the Georgia Prison Commission to Milledgeville to investigate the attack on Leo M. Frank.

"There will be a complete inquiry into affairs at the state prison farm," said the governor. "I want to know how one prisoner was able to make an attack on another."

Ships Menaced by Bombs.

New York.—The discovery of bombs in the cargoes of a number of ships sailing for Europe during the last few months has resulted in unusual precautions in loading freight on steamships here. In addition to an increased number of regular pier guards, scores of private detectives, many disguised as laborers and longshoremen, are on all freight piers. On some of the piers, every box and package is opened on the dock and the contents examined before it goes aboard the ship.

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North Carolina, Pitt County.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Pitt County in regular session assembled on the 5th day of July, 1915, it being the regular meeting held on the 1st Monday of July, 1915, ordered an election to be held in Falkland township, Pitt county, North Carolina, on Tuesday the 21st day of September, 1915, at the regular polling place in the town of Falkland for said township on the question or proposition of issuing Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars worth of Road Bonds, to bear Five per cent interest per annum, payable semi-annually, and to run for a period of thirty (30) years, the funds received from the same to be used for the purpose of laying out, establishing and repairing, grading, constructing and improving in any way the Public Roads in Falkland township as provided by an Act of the Legislature of North Carolina, Session of 1913, designated as Chapter One Hundred and twenty-two (122) of the Public Laws of North Carolina.

And notice is further hereby given that an entirely new registration for said election was ordered and called, and that J. H. Smith was and is appointed Registrar for said Election, and that the Books for Registration will be open on Monday, August 16, 1915, and closed at sunset on Saturday, September 11th, 1915, that on each Saturday during the said time the said Registration books will be open at the regular polling place in the town of Falkland, and at all other times at the residence of the said J. H. Smith in the said Town of Falkland, North Carolina, and all citizens desiring to vote on said Bond Election to be held on September 21st, 1915, will be required to register.

This 9th day of July, 1915.

S. A. CONGLETON, Chm.
Board County Commissioners.
BRASCOE BELL, Clerk.

INSPIRATION OF THE COUNTY FAIR

By Peter Radford.

When you enter the agricultural department of the county fair, you feel your soul uplifted and your life takes on a new power—that is the inspiration of the soil. You are overpowered by the grandeur and magnificence of the scene—that is the spirit of the harvest. You can hear the voice of nature calling you back to the soil—that is opportunity knocking at your door. It is a good chance to spend a quiet hour in contact with the purity and perfection of nature and to sweeten your life with its fragrance, elevate your ideals with its beauty and expand your imagination with its power.

These products as food are fit for the gods, and as an article of commerce they ought to bring tip-top prices on any market in the world.

The products of the soil are teachers and preachers as well. Their beauty gives human life its first entertainment, their perfection stirs the genius in artists; their purity furnishes models for growth of character and their marvelous achievements excite our curiosity and we inquire into the wonderful process of nature.

Before leaving the parlor of agriculture where nature is parading in her most graceful attire and science is climbing the giddy heights of perfection, let us pause and take a retrospective view. How many of you know that after these wonderful products are raised, they can seldom be marketed at a profit? Take the blushing Elberta, for example—they were fed to the hogs by the carload last year. The onion—the nation's favorite vegetable—every year rots by the acre in the Southwest for want of a market and as a result hundreds of farmers have lost their homes. Cotton—nature's capitalist—often goes begging on the market at less than cost of production.

It is great to wander through the exhibits while the band is playing "Dixie" and boast of the marvelous fertility of the soil and pride ourselves on our ability to master science, but it is also well to remember that there is a market side to agriculture that does not reflect its hardships in the exhibits at a county fair.

UNIVERSAL PEACE

This nation is now in the midst of a controversy as to how best to promote universal peace. That question we will leave for diplomats to discuss, but peace within nations is no less important than peace between nations and it is heavily laden with prosperity for every citizen within our commonwealth.

Many leading politicians and oftentimes political platforms have declared war upon business and no cabinet crisis ever resulted. Many men have stood in high places and hurled "gas bombs" at industry; thrust bayonets into business enterprises and bombarded agriculture with indifference. Party leaders have many times broken diplomatic relations with industry; sent political aviators spying through the affairs of business, and political submarines have sent torpedoes crashing into the destiny of commerce. During this past quarter of a century we have fought many a duel with progress, permitted many politicians to carry on a guerrilla warfare against civilization, and point a pistol at the heart of honest enterprise.

No man should be permitted to cry out for universal peace until his record has been searched for explosives, for no vessel armed or laden with munitions of war should be given a clearance to sail for the port of Universal Peace. Let us by all means have peace, but peace like charity should begin at home.

PHILIP

Philip, the Macedonian king, while drowny with wine was trying a case and the prisoner after sentence was pronounced, exclaimed, "I appeal." "And to whom do you appeal?" inquired the astonished monarch. "I appeal from Philip back to Philip sober," replied the prisoner, and the king granted the request and at a rehearing gave the prisoner his liberty. The people drowny with the wine of discord oftentimes pronounce a verdict on public questions which they reverse in sober moments and deliberate moments. The next best thing to making no mistakes is to correct them.