

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITINERARY.

The following letter which is explanatory was sent out by the Executive Committee to all business agents last week:

"Statesville, N. C., Jan. 7, 1913.

"Dear Brother:—Your State Executive Committee, in session in Salisbury, N. C., last night, has made arrangements to meet all of our County Union Agents at one of the following places, to make contracts for fertilizer this spring. It will be to your interest to meet us at one of these points. We have our own brands, and will give you the chance to help us to build up the Farmers' Union in North Carolina. We know we have made the right deal. Do not make any deal until you have seen us.

"The State Executive Committee and our assistant, Mr. H. P. Brown, will be at the following places as named below:

"Greenville, N. C., January 14 and 15, 1913.

"Raleigh, N. C., January 16 and 17, 1913.

"Winston-Salem, N. C., January 18 and 20, 1913.

"Charlotte, N. C., January 21 and 22, 1913.

"Asheville, N. C., January 23 and 24, 1913.

"We earnestly hope you will meet us at one of these places, and that you will make no other deal outside. Now is our best opportunity of doing the biggest work that the State Union has ever done, and we must have your co-operation to do this.

"Please come prepared to make contract, and do not make any until you have seen us, and you will always be glad that you have done this.

"Yours fraternally,

"W. B. GIBSON, Chairman."

## DURHAM COUNTY MEETING.

On December 28, 1912, our County Union met in the court house in Durham and the following officers were elected for 1913: President, A. M. Carpenter; Vice President, W. H. Fleming; Secretary-Treasurer, S. M. Smith; Chaplain, Obe Tingen; Doorkeeper, D. T. Gooch; Conductor, J. F. Elliott. The president appointed the following Executive Committee: J. T. Hicks, Prof. C. W. Massey, J. R. S. Atkins, I. H. Terry, and W. S. Page.

For our County President we have one of the best farmers in Durham County, one full of unionism, one who believes that the success of the Farmers' Union is in systematic marketing; one who buys his materials and does his own mixing for fertilizer and one who raises his home supplies and lives at home.

We are planning for great things this year. We hope to have by the time for marketing our next crop a dry prizery for our farmers.

We hope to have the next State meeting to meet in Durham and if the Union does meet with us, we hope each county in North Carolina will send a full delegation, for we promise them a good time.

Our County Union meets on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in each month at 11 o'clock. We hope you may hear great things from Durham County in 1913.

Yours fraternally,

S. M. SMITH,

County Secretary-Treasurer.

## A LARGE YIELD OF CORN AT EXCEPTIONALLY LOW COST.

The North Carolina State Department of Agriculture recently had a representative verify a large yield of corn, grown on the Norfolk Southern Demonstration Farm, located at Wena, in Beaufort County, N. C.

A two-acre tract has been under

cultivation, this being the first crop grown on the new land. The soil is of the black sandy loam type, and the land has an elevation of about sixteen feet above sea level. The tract was first broken up in March, turned with a breaking plow and then cut twice with a disk harrow and fitted for planting. About May 5 a prolific variety of seed corn was planted, in rows about three feet apart, and afterwards thinned to ten and twelve inches in the row. About ten dollars worth of potash fertilizer was used on the plot, but experimental work with other corn showed this proved of no value, as the soil already contained sufficient fertility of all kinds. The corn was cultivated four times with shallow cultivation.

The crop matured in September, but was not gathered until about the middle of October. Prof. J. M. Johnson, of the United States Department of Agriculture, reports that the yield from this demonstration tract showed 82½ per cent of shelled corn. This extremely high percentage is one of the causes for the high bushel yield per acre. The entire crop was grown and cribbed at a cost of only twelve cents per bushel. This cost was easily computed, as all labor, both men and teams, used in caring for the crop was hired and paid for by the day.

## CUTTING THE GARMENT.

"Cutting the garment to fit the cloth" is a very nice sounding slogan, but the Legislature will not measure up to its real duty if this cutting is done at the expense of the public schools and the colleges whose support depends upon the State. It would be poor economy to impoverish longer our splendid educational institutions. These institutions are doing a great service for the State and statistics show that North Carolina is right at the foot of the list in educational matters. This State cannot stay at the foot and claim to be progressive.

The State cannot afford even to mark time, to say nothing of taking a backward step in the matter of allowing support to its institutions. This State has already been impoverished, educationally, by the drafting system of wealthier States, whose offers many of our educators could not, with justice to themselves and families, withstand, great as is their patriotism.

Nor is it in educational matters alone that the Legislature can afford to economize. There is the question of good roads, highway development, drainage matters, public health, and many other matters of great public moment that should not be made to suffer longer through exercise of a policy that years after we will regret. The aim of the Legislature should be to do everything possible to develop the children of the State and at the same time to develop the agricultural industries, the business enterprises, drain the swamp lands, protect the forests, foster public health, encourage rural life in every respect, and then the State will be fostering its assets. For its assets are its men and women, the products of its soil and forests, and its business life.

Do this, but let your aim be not extravagance, and the future generations will rise up to call you blessed.

But you inquire how can this be done? We would say for the members of the Legislature to investigate carefully the conditions in this State, compare them with those in other States, study the tax laws of some of the more advanced States, and arrive at a system of taxation that will produce the necessary revenue without increasing the rate—maybe the rate could be lowered. Other States have been able to meet these public de-

mands and North Carolina should by all means do so.—Greensboro Daily News.

## TEMPERANCE REFORM.

The work of temperance reform is moving on. The Anti-Saloon League has raised twice as much money and done twice as much work this year as last. The Executive Committee at their annual meeting on November 20 stood for a search and seizure law for the better enforcement of the State-wide prohibition law, and a convention to meet in Raleigh January 30, 1913, to endorse this action.

This seems to be the true interpretation of the sentiment. The Baptist State Convention, the North Carolina Conference, the Western North Carolina Conference, the Methodist Protestant Conference, the Christian Church (Disciples), and the Christian Church (O'Kellyite), in their annual meetings since November 20, have memorialized the General Assembly to pass this measure. We copy this language from one of the reports:

"After a study of the temperance situation in our State and Nation, your committee believes that the Legislature ought to enact a law giving authority to police officers to search places suspected of selling liquor and to seize such liquor when found. That the Congress of the United States ought to pass a law that will restore to each State the right to protect itself against liquor shipped from other States; therefore, we recommend:

"That this Conference memorialize the General Assembly that convenes in January, 1913, to enact a search and seizure law as a means to the enforcement of our prohibition law."

The judgment of the police officers and temperance workers is that this legislation is necessary and the lawmakers ought not to delay in passing it at once. The passage of the Webb-Shepard-Kenyon Bill, which everybody now predicts, will make such

legislation necessary in order that the officers may seize this liquor when it is in the possession of the railroad and express companies to try the liquor and show its intent.

The churches in their reports advise laymen and pastors to attend the temperance gathering in Raleigh, January 30th, and Superintendent Davis is looking for a large, representative and enthusiastic gathering.

The need of this legislation is patent to every man who has noted the shipment of liquor into his own territory in the past thirty days.

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