

**PROF. HARRIS WRITES**

**ABOUT THE FARMERS' UNION**

**Gives His Experience With the Union In Washington—Advises All Farmers To Get In It.**

Messrs. Editors:

I have noted with considerable interest the many opinions expressed through the columns of the Reporter on the organization commonly termed the Farmers' Union.

One says it is a good thing and a real balm of healing to all their troubles, another says it is the home rowdism where they are dancing their way straight to perdition, another says its no fit place for women, that our wives and daughters should refrain from all attempts to manage the business of the men. Still others say it is no place for a Christian, and that the tenets of the church are opposed to all secret organizations.

These are some of the views expressed, and while I in no wise wish to push myself into this discussion, nor would under any circumstances allow myself to be drawn into a public controversy, I feel that I may give your readers our experience here in Washington, and what we farmers think of this great move for co-operation.

The Farmers' Union is not responsible for your dancing. One can be a member of a Union and dance or not dance as he may see fit. Your Unions may be a place unfit for your women to go if the individuals of a community make it so. But that is not the fault of the Union, but the fault of the individuals of the community. When meetings of any character in any community are unfit gatherings for women to attend, not the Union but the neighborhood, and even the church and State are to blame for not putting down such indecencies.

The Farmers' Union is a business organization for the elevation, co-operation and betterment of the condition of the farmers of the whole nation. Before you join, the president of the Union assures you that nothing in the pledges you take can in any way conflict with your religious or political views.

If this be the case, and I know it to be true, what objection could any church have to its members belonging to the Union. One brother says wait and see if God is in it. If God be not in it it will come to naught.

My brother, God is in everything that is good, and it seems to me that it is your duty as a farmer to get right in it too and do all the good you can. Our influence for good is never felt by drawing our cloaks of righteousness about our persons and standing aloof from the multitude and praying, "I thank God that I am not as other men." There can be no wrong for farmers to organize themselves into a company to transact a little business for themselves.

In this way they can in many instances eliminate the middle man, prevent others from charging exorbitant prices, and even demand and receive a fair price for the products of their labor.

Now, Mr. Farmer, if you would be willing to buy at lower prices and sell at higher prices, you should be willing to put your shoulder to the wheel and help bring about these conditions.

Three years ago we farmers bought our grain through the Grange at a saving of from twenty to one hundred dollars to each farmer. We left the prices open to all farmers whether they were Grangers or not, and you may bet they all with one accord took advantage of those prices. Afterwards I asked a farmer from the edge of Idaho to join our Grange. He said, "I don't much believe in secret orders, and besides it is no use, for I got my grain bags as cheap as you did." He was unwilling to help bring about the better conditions, but ready to reap the reward. Now, I belong to both the Union and the Grange, and found them both to be good and profitable farmers organizations. The secrecy of both of these organizations don't amount to a hill of beans in my estimation. I would like them just as well without the secret part, but still the secret part protects the organization from outsiders who might come in and hinder the work.

I like the Grange because it has a social and literary feature.

The women hold membership in it on equal footing with the men. We make it a business gathering with a social and literary feature. We frequently carry baskets and have regular picnic dinners. Thus by frequent intercourse and social gatherings we make farm life a pleasure instead of a drudge. In the Grange, too, we carry our fire insurance at actual cost, which is about one fourth the cost of insurance in old line companies. Now the union is purely a business organization, but of course if any local so desire they could add the social and literary feature.

Now, our Garfield local Union last year saved to our farmers over ten thousand dollars in better prices for grain.

The State Union keeps a man at Seattle to sell our grain, and keeps us posted as to prices. You understand that grain is sold here through great warehouses situated every two or three miles on the railroads. At threshing time we haul our grain to these warehouses and store it. We sell when the prices suit us.

These houses are operated by grain companies or individuals for a profit just as your tobacco warehouses are operated. Two years ago the Farmington Union bought two warehouses and the profits for the two years have paid for them. This year our Garfield local has bought nine of these warehouses, and will handle all our own grain. One contains a cleaner and feed mill. We are effecting a Union of all our Union warehouses in the State, so that our man on the coast could take an order for ten million bushels of grain if it were offered him. We simply intend to let the middle man do something else and not live on our earnings.

When our wood and coal dealers get too high, we leave them off and buy in car lots. In a certain warehouse deal, the railroad company sent the traffic manager to us to say that they would not lease to us but would sell for \$14,500 and no less. We knew the property did not cost that, so we ascertained what we could build for and deducted ten per cent for depreciation, and told the railroad company that if they would not take \$11,000 for it we would build and leave their house to rot down empty. They took it.

If we had not been united we would continue to be at the mercy of those grain dealers and money sharks, who have been robbing us for years.

The Farmers' Union is an honest business organization to look after the interest of the farmers.

Now who says no?  
W. B. HARRIS,  
Garfield, Wash., June 8, 1910.

**Madison Items.**

Madison, June 7.—Farmers from all sections say that wheat is looking well.

Tobacco transplanting is about completed.

Mr. R. M. Cardwell of this place went to Baltimore Saturday for an operation.

The election at Intelligence Saturday again defeated special tax for the school term, but the people of Gold Hill district are looking for better things and voted the tax by a good majority for their school. Straws show which way the wind blows.

A section that will not vote for special tax for schools is looked upon as back number now and progressing is backward.

Mr. D. M. Gann came Saturday from Roanoke, where he holds a position as shipping clerk for Carsell & Elliott, to see his parents, returning Sunday day evening.

Mr. Bob Martin's baby died a few days ago. It was about seven months old. Diphtheria and pneumonia the was cause.

Measles can be found at Messrs. L. J. Lackey's, Rome Vaden's and T. F. Webster's at present.

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**MADISON ROUTE 3**

**CROPS LOOKING SPLENDID**

**Mr. R. H. Mitchell Entertains His Friends At Ice Cream Supper—Ball Game Results In Tie.**

Madison, Route 3, June 6.—Mr. Jesse Joyce and wife visited Mrs. Joyce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Meyers, in Mayodan, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. John Sisk and mother, of Hartman, visited relatives in this section Saturday and Sunday.

There was an ice cream supper at Cases school house Saturday night.

Several of this section witnessed the ball game between Mayodan and Stokesdale, on the former's ground, Saturday. The game was interesting. We failed to get the correct score, but think it was about a tie. The music furnished by the Mayodan brass band was splendid.

Mr. R. H. Mitchell, Jr., entertained several of his friends for a few hours Saturday evening and night by giving a free supper of ice cream and lemonade. Among those present were Misses Mary and Hattie Joyce, Annie and Pearl McAnally, Blanche and Grace Oliver, Florence Yates, Nannie Tuttle, Lillie Sharp, Addie Rierson and Jessie Webster. Messrs. G. C. Rierson, R. W. and C. T. Joyce, Jr., Yancie Yates, Jesse and John Tuttle, Charlie McAnally and many others. All enjoyed themselves highly 'till the fun was broken up by a rain, and many of them spent the night.

Some few are getting cabbage heads plentiful. Others will be in soon, while snaps are not very far off.

Several of this section expect to attend the county meeting of the county F. E. & C. U. of A. at Danbury, June 18.

Crops are looking splendid since the showers. The golden grain is beginning to turn.

**After La Grippe**

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