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Editorial Comment.—It is indeed very important for farmers to know parliamentary rules if they are to hold their own in public meetings of all kinds. In some local Unions it is customary for the members to ignore such rules, the result being that the farmers do not learn how to conduct themselves when they take part in other conventions or public occasions. The fundamental parliamentary rules are easily learned and are given in simple language in the pamphlet containing the Constitution of the Farmers' Union, and these parliamentary rules are also published in Editor Clarence Poe's new book, "How Farmers Cooperate and Double Profits."

What Organization Would Do for Farmers

THE disadvantages the unorganized farmer labors under are: first, he purchases farm supplies at retail prices through a hierarchy of middlemen; second, he sells to dealers and jobbers, and his produce passes through a phalanx of middlemen before it reaches the consumer. He controls neither purchase nor marketing. He buys retail and sells wholesale. He produces on his farm raw material, and is unable to work it up into bacon, cheese, or butter, flour, meal, cottonseed oil and meal, and the profits of manufacture and the control of the sale go to others. A hundred subsidiary but important and profitable industries depending on agriculture are in the hands of business men who are not farmers, milling, ginning, warehousing, cottonseed oil milling, fruit and vegetable drying, canning, the meat trade, tanning, and the utilization of the by-products of cattle and crops, all these are controlled entirely by others in the case of the unorganized farmer. Is it any wonder when the farmers' industry has a myriad parasites on it that it is in an anemic condition, that it pays badly both farmer and laborer? Is it then an impossible and unpractical dream to assert that if agriculture

and the industries and business directly connected with it were controlled by farmers, that the industry so organized would be able to secure to all efficient workers in it a living as good as any other industry? Of course it would.—Adapted from George W. Russell.

Importance of All Working Together

THIS organization idea has already been applied to community life in the Salemburg Community League, with the success that we already know. These people organized with the definite aim of improving the three essentials of country life. They decided on definite things that would improve their agriculture, their health and their home life, and they pulled together for the accomplishment of all these predetermined aims. And they are getting there. The things that they are striving for are absolutely impossible through separate, individual effort. They require for their consummation the simultaneous push in the same direction of a large number of people. It is like moving a house, that requires a dozen men for the job. If half push in one direction and the other half in another, the house will stay right there; or if one pushes and then another and then another till all twelve have pushed at different times, the house still will not be moved. But if all of them push at the same time and in the same direction, then—and not till then—will the desired end be accomplished and the house moved.—Clinton, N. C., Democrat.



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