

With Our Rural Letter Carriers.

Conducted for the N. C. R. L. Carriers' Association by Ed. D. Pearsall, Cor. Secretary, Rocky Point, N. C., to whom all communications should be addressed.

FROM PRESIDENT BAINES.

An Earnest Appeal to All Carriers to Organize—Volunteers Wanted in Each County—Who Will Answer.

My Dear Brother Carriers: I wish it was so I could give each of you a hearty hand-shake and sit down and have a good long chat. If you are not a member of our Association I feel that I could possibly persuade you to join us; and, if you are one of us, I'm sure you would like to know what new plans, if any, have been inaugurated and how the Association in general is progressing. Now, as we cannot have a face-to-face talk, we will do the next best thing—write you. To save space, we will touch only on the most important changes that have been made.

We considered organization of vital importance, and so we gave this our first attention. Upon investigation, we found our system of organization impracticable and almost impossible. And, instead of following the old plan of appointing one organizer for each congressional district, we have adopted the plan of appointing a carrier in each county, where convenient, to do the work. This, of course, greatly simplifies the work and gives us about ten to do the work formerly required of one. And better still, we have made arrangements to allow each organizer part pay, at least, for his trouble, whereas, heretofore he did not get anything—not even for postage.

We believe these changes will prove very beneficial, and can see no

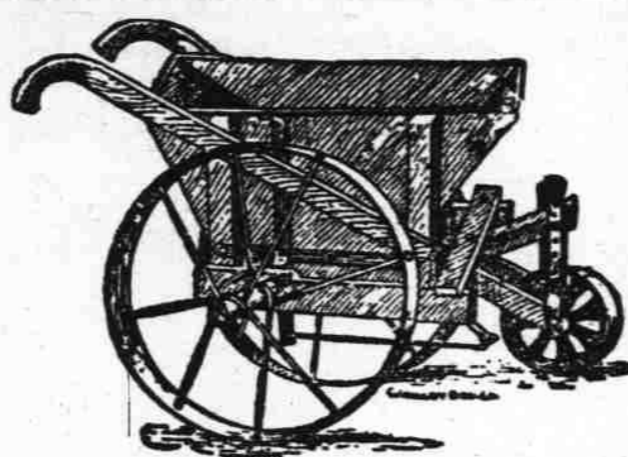
reason why we should not nearly double our membership by our next meeting. To make appointments, give instructions and get everything in good shape, requires a great deal more work than one would imagine. But through the untiring efforts of our efficient and ever-faithful secretary, Bro. J. W. Brooks, we have succeeded in getting organizers in 42 counties. We hope they have called meetings and that at least a score of them will organize at Christmas and send in their reports and get charters immediately. We shall publish the names of organizers and the counties organized just as soon as we get their reports. We would be glad if some carrier would volunteer his service in those counties where no one has been appointed.

I shall not attempt to discuss "good roads" and "parcels post" now, but later they are going to come; and, along with them will be better service, and last, but not least, better pay.

I certainly enjoy reading page 13, and am very proud that we have a Carrier's Page second to no State organization anywhere. Now, Brother Carrier, have you done anything to bring this about? We should not expect to get something for nothing; and please remember our State organ is giving us valuable space each week free for our own benefit, and it does seem that we are morally bound to give it our support—not by reading our neighbor's paper, but by subscribing ourselves.

C. H. BAINES,

President N. C. R. L. C. Association.



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| Fancy | 3 to |
| Strictly prime | 2 1/2 to |
| Prime | 2 1/4 to |
| Machine picked | 2 1/4 to 2 1/2 |
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| Spanish Peanuts | 75 to 80 |
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| D. S. Butts | 8 |
| Butter—Creamery | 28 |
| Hams—Choice, as to size and brand | 15 1/2 |
| Lard—Pure—Tierces | 10 1/2 |
| Pearl meal | \$1.65 |
| Meal, Common | 1.00 |
| Hay—Timothy | 90 to 1.00 |
| Grain—Corn, white | 88 |
| Corn, mixed | 88 |
| Oats—Clipped white | 65 |
| Mixed | 63 |
| Feed—Cracked corn, per bushel | 90 |

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| Corn, chop, per 100 pounds | \$1.50 |
| Wheat, bran, per 100 pounds | 1.50 |
| Corn, bran, per 100 pounds | 1.10 |
| Middlings, per 100 pounds | 1.80 |
| Hulls, per 100 pounds | .50 |
| Rice Flour—Sacked, per bushel | .89 1/2 |
| Cotton sacks, per cwt. | .80 |
| Cotton Ties—Pleced | .80 |
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