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## PRESIDENT BLAMES RISE IN FOOD COST ON THE MID- DLEMEN

Urges Farmers To Increase Output; First Formal Speech Since Election

WELCOMES CONVENTION  
OF NATIONAL GRANGE

No Reference To Embargo On Foodstuffs or Even Indirectly To The Outcome of The Presidential Election, Address Interrupted Frequently By Applause.

Washington, Nov. 14.—President Wilson blamed middlemen for the high cost of foodstuffs here tonight in a speech welcoming to Washington the convention of the National Grange, the first formal speech he has delivered since the election. Urging that farmers increase their output, the President said:

"We ought to raise such big crops that circumstances like the present can never recur, when the cost of foodstuffs is so high."

It will not do to be complacent with the rest of the world in respect to its food supply.

The President did not mention recent petitions to him to declare an embargo on exportation of foodstuffs to the rest of the world and did not refer even indirectly to the outcome of the presidential election. His address was interrupted frequently by applause from the farmers attending the fiftieth anniversary convention of the founding of the grange.

Interesting Problems Ahead.

"It seems to me," said the President, "that some of the most interesting problems of our life and of the life of the world lie before us, problems in connection with which the farmers of the United States will play a part such as they have never played before."

"It goes without saying that the physical life of the nation has always depended upon the farm. It goes without saying also that to a large extent the physical life of the world has drawn its sustenance from the great areas of farm land in the United States. We have sent food to all parts of the world, and the American farmer has contributed to the life of all the countries of the world. But you know that as our own population has increased, the proportion in which we could help foreign countries as contrasted with our own has decreased and there are problems that are comparable with the problems of statesmanship lying ahead of the farmers of the United States."

of States.  
"In the future we have got to bring more of the area of the United States under cultivation than is under cultivation now. We have got to increase the production at every point where it is susceptible of being increased."

Rural Credits Slow in Coming.

"One of the things that has most interested me about what has been done recently by legislation for the benefit of the farmer is the question of rural credits. It is not done long before. It is astonishing that the assets, the valuable assets available as a basis of credit in the banks on the same terms as the assets of commercial undertaking and manufacturing industry. Cattle are just as visible and tangible as goods in warehouses and goods on trains."

"We have liberated the credits of the banks and we have mobilized through the Department of Agriculture the scientific intelligence of the world. With that combination, every nation in the world ought to come to us to learn how to raise big crops. We ought to raise such big crops that circumstances like the present can never recur, when men can make as if the supply was so short that the middle man could charge for it what he pleased. It will not do to be negligent with the world in respect of its food supply."

"I wish that all problems of government were displayed in as clear lines of duty as this problem of government in regard to how the farmer ought to be treated is displayed. I wish, for example, that foreign affairs were as simple as agriculture."

It is not only a great source of intelligence to go forward in the line of duty.

"The thing that makes a free country vital is the large number of people who get together to do important things without asking the leave of the government to do them. The striking thing about a great country like the United States is that if the government neglected everything, the people would do it; that you do not beckon to the people of the United States they command you to go on, and things that are neglected they have got plenty of brains to get together and do for themselves."

Washington, Nov. 14.—Legislation to provide joint freight regulations by State and Federal commissions was urged today by Chairman B. H. Meyer, of the Interstate Commerce Commission speaking before the annual convention of the National Association of State Railroad Commissioners. He suggested that laws to produce co-operation be advocated before the Newlands congressional sub-committee which will begin investigation of the entire railroad situation on next week. Joint control is necessary, Mr. Meyer said, where rates fixed by two or more States overlap, and where it extends into the authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

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## BOOSTER PERIOD IN CONTEST IS ATTRACTIVE TO MANY AND THEIR FRIENDS

Many Wise Candidates Who By The Big Vote Offer Which Expired Saturday But Not as They Should Have—All Have Wide Circle Of Loyal Friends—A Question Of Loyalty To The Winner

THE CANDIDATES ARE BUNCHED IN THE COUNT

Not Many More Days Until Prizes Will Be Awarded To The Successful Candidates And This Is Your Last Chance For Extra Votes—No Extra Votes GIVEN For The Either Old or New Subscriptions—Make Your Last Time Now

In the Enterprise's big auto contest there is more genuine hustle of the kind that gets results than was ever shown in a like effort in this section of the country. This phase of the contest is not confined to any particular spot, but flashes out in every section where the candidates are working. There is another noticeable feature, too, that attests the greater interest that people are taking in the contest. Candidates are setting a high mark in the matter of votes, and are closely bunched in the count, indicating very clearly two things—popularity and industry.

The vote shows clearly that a number of the best and most popular people have entered the contest, and

and their prizes are being won with each succeeding day, and it is already a foregone conclusion that there is going to be the closest kind of a finish on Dec. 11. Some wise candidates are bound to win, but the one who wins the auto or piano will carry away the coveted title and that is what all are after.

There is scarcely a home or place of business in all the territory included in this competition where the contest is not being discussed. It is one of the principal topics of conversation in the neighboring towns as well as Farmville. Copies of the Enterprise are grabbed up eagerly and the standing of the contestants closely scanned with each succeeding appearance of the list. Speculation is rife, concerning the possible winners. Every body is on the qui vive and the candidates who are out among their friends find it an easy matter to secure their support. Every one has some special candidate

over the contest, depending on his own personal preferences, and the candidates who are anxious to pile up their votes. BOOSTER PERIOD IS HERE. This is an offer of interest to every candidate, and their boosters, and although not as good as the offer which has closed, is a most liberal inducement. Those who are in the race to win one of the best prizes will make the most of the time during which this offer holds good. All promises of subscriptions that were not cashed should be fulfilled before this offer closes.

San Francisco, Nov. 14.—Whether the highest vote for a Republican elector in California was greater than the lowest vote for a Democratic elector was about the only question of interest to California politicians tonight. It should prove to be the case the State delegation in the electoral college may be split. The Republicans studiedly unearthed. Nothing in the course of the day to indicate for or against such a prospect.

take the prize away from you. Do not waste any time—get right in line and keep after the subscriptions for this is your last chance for extra club votes. The contest will close in just three weeks and there will be no extra votes of any kind given at the close. Now is the time to do the work that counts. It is not the one who secures the most subscriptions but the one who secures the most votes who will win the best prizes.

Double Votes Now.

Double votes will be given until Nov. 22 and after that time only half as many votes will be allowed for each subscription. Candidates should bear this in mind and make the most of the time.

Philadelphia Record.

Mr. Roosevelt certainly has the worst luck in the world. Four years ago he broke loose from the Republican party, ran as an independent and got beaten. This time he kicked over the Progressives in order to get back into the Republican party and got beaten again. Four years ago the Republicans derived great comfort from the reflection that Mr. Wilson was a minority President—as Mr. Lincoln was—and now Mr. Wilson has beaten the reunited as well as Mr. Roosevelt could accomplish it. Mr. Roosevelt swallowed his words of scorn for Mr. Hughes, died on crow every day, and does not stand the ghost of a chance of being nominated in 1920.

Wilson, Nov. 14.—This morning between 10 and 11 o'clock Sheriff H. M. Brown was awakened by a telephone call informing him of the fact that a murder had been committed near Wiggins mill, about five miles from Wilson, on the public highway, that leads to the Country Club. When the sheriff arrived on the scene with a posse, it was learned that Mr. James Lewis had been brained with an axe while lying beside one of his children who was suffering with cramp. The whole affair seems to be

shrouded in mystery and at the inquest held over the remains of the deceased, not a shred of evidence that would give the least clue was adduced. Mrs. Lewis said: "I was sleeping in the same room on another bed. I was partially aroused by hearing, as I thought, my husband or baby struggling for breath, and when fully awakened I went to the bed and the next I beheld was enough tounner even a strong man. Even across the road to the house of Mr. Lewis' mother, and then I returned to my

home. Mr. Lewis expired in a few minutes. I can't account for it, as he was a good man and not a known enemy in the whole world." The only thing that seems like a motive for the deed is, it is stated that on last Sunday afternoon while in a crowd discussing blind tigers and moonshine stills, Mr. Lewis made the assertion that he could put his hands on two stills that were being operated in his neighborhood. He repeated this statement after several hours before he met his death, and it is the opinion of some that he was put out of the way because of his knowledge of the whereabouts of the supposed illicit stills.

No More Roosevelt.

Washington, Nov. 14.—The Bureau of foreign and domestic affairs today announced that the

Thanksgiving Football Game U. N. C. vs U. V. At Richmond

For the above occasion the Atlantic Coast Line will sell excursion tickets for all trains on November 27th and for those scheduled to reach Richmond up to 2:30 p. m. November 30th, at \$3.00 from Wilson, limited returning until December 2nd.

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## FARMVILLE HAS A BIG DEMOCRATIC TORCHLIGHT PARADE

Band, Bands, Torchlight Parade, Fireworks Give Vent to Democrats' Enthusiasm.

Local Enthusiasm over Woodrow Wilson's unprecedented victory was at its highest pitch Saturday night when the Democrats of the town chartered the East Carolina Railway car and brought down from Maclefield to celebrate. Fireworks and torchlight parades were the feature of the occasion and a number of "peppery" speeches by I. Lloyd Jordan, Walter G. Sheppard, and others added spice to the occasion.

Upon its arrival, the band began playing patriotic tunes, and the set the crowd wild. The big throng gathered with torchlight, bells and horns and everything else capable of making a noise and marched to the center of the town. Yell after yell was given for Woodrow Wilson, Thomas K. Marshall, James McCormick, and others who had served the country's interest in the last

July celebration.

The celebration lasted for more than two hours and the happy throng dispersed with thankful hearts that American people had elected Woodrow Wilson for another four years.

LOW EXCURSION FARE To Norfolk, Va. Account

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