

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION.

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endorse a proposition or pass a resolution is only to let the fact be known. The Convention last week was no exception. The Resolution Committee made its report Thursday morning and every resolution mentioned was passed with the exception of one that required a change in the Constitution, and even this was endorsed by the Convention. Some of the resolutions were timely and appropriate, while others were passed just for the sake of the passing.

The following are some of the more important measures endorsed by the Convention:

"(1) For the passage by Congress of the Webb-Kenyon bill to prevent the inter-state shipment of liquor.

"(2) Commending the Department of Agriculture in its efforts to find a substitute for jute bags now used in sacking peanuts, the price of which has become exorbitant, increasing 100 per cent in the last twelve months.

"(3) Favoring the erection of a building on the present premises suited to the best performance of its work by the Agricultural Department, this to be paid for out of the receipts of the Department in ten years, in such amounts as not to cripple its practical work.

"(4) For a license tax on soft drinks in proportion to the amount sold.

"(5) Against double taxation and in favor of a just way of listing taxes that will show the evidence of indebtedness against any property, who holds the evidence of debt, this to be deducted from the listed property and only the evidences of said debt shall be taxed.

"(6) For a law to make a violation of the 6 per cent interest law a felony, whether done directly or indirectly through discounts or bonus.

"(7) For a law to protect forests from fires and from the wasteful destruction of young timber in the logging and handling of timber.

"(8) For a dog tax, to go to the counties in which it is raised, the proceeds for the school fund.

"(9) For the Torrens System of registration of land.

"(10) For the Lever agricultural extension bill now before Congress.

"(11) For an amendment to tobacco statistics law, which will require warehousemen to report only tobacco sold by producers and only what tobacco is raised by producers, this to be published monthly along with total sales for two previous years, so as to make comparison. Present law held to be misleading.

"(12) For a proper and full system of recording births and deaths, this to be a State-wide vital statistics law.

"(13) Endorsing the State Sanatorium for tuberculosis and for appropriations to extend its work so as to care for worthy indigent sufferers on terms which can be adjusted and met.

"(14) Requesting Legislatures in cotton growing States to enact laws requiring only annual reports from cotton ginners, this to be reported on the basis of 500 pounds to bale actually ginned. The present system being held to create a false impression.

"(15) Favoring the repeal of the crop lien act.

"(16) For the establishment at the A. & M. College of a Chair of Rural Economics, including the subject of rural co-operation and the marketing of farm products, and that the State Department of Agriculture establish a department of markets and rural co-operation also. Endorsing the idea of the State Department of Agriculture to study the system of rural credit and rural co-operation there, Ireland, France, Germany, Belgium,

and Denmark being suggested as places to visit.

"(17) For a larger proportion of public funds to be secured from inheritance and incomes, the present system being held to place an unfair burden on industry with failure to tax accumulated wealth highly enough.

"(18) For action to secure a uniform cotton tare, fair and just alike to the commercial and manufacturing world and to the growers. Condemning the present 6 per cent cotton tare and asking National and State Unions in meeting at Columbia in January to take action and send delegates to Europe to confer with spinners there.

"(19) Endorsing a bill to be presented to the next Legislature by the North Carolina Child Labor Committee prohibiting night work in factories for children under sixteen years of age and for women; also for factory inspection and a better enforcement of the child labor law."

For a Summer Session.

Resolutions were also adopted for a summer session of the Farmers' Union to elect delegates to the National Union and to take steps for the co-operative marketing of crops and for other business.

The Executive Committee of the Union was constituted as a Board of Trustees to promote co-operative Union enterprises and to hold stock in the same on behalf of the State Union. The necessary legal steps to be taken and no stock to be held in excess of the actual cost of promoting the enterprise.

For Sale of State Farm Lands.

Another resolution called attention to the need of convicts being used in good road work, as there is a lack of labor, and recommending that there be sold so much of the State farm lands not necessary for the economical maintenance of the convicts not suitable or not able to be worked on the public roads, the able-bodied convicts to be worked on the public roads. Further, that convicts having tuberculosis be cared for on the State reservation at Montrose, and when able, these to be employed on the farm and grounds there.

There was also adopted a resolution returning thanks to Raleigh and its citizens for the courtesy and hospitality shown the Farmers' Union, the Chamber of Commerce, and the A. & M. College being named especially.

STATE RECORDS INADEQUATE.

North Carolina may well be proud of the newspaper files in the State Library and rejoice that they are soon to be placed in a fire-proof building.

Information was needed recently regarding the date of the birth of a State official, who had died in office several years ago. The matter was referred to the State Librarian and the date desired was soon gleaned from these newspapers. A similar question came up a few days later and the newspapers were again consulted. The papers of twenty years ago gave full accounts of this official's death and sketches of his work, but none stated the date of his birth. This instance shows that though these newspaper files are of great value, they cannot take the place of records compiled under a law requiring State-wide birth and death registration.

A lady who must certainly have been related to the late Mrs. Partington recently returned from a seventy-day tour of Europe.

To her friends she said with enthusiasm that of all the wonderful things that she had seen and heard, she believed the thing she enjoyed most of all was hearing the French pheasants sing the mayonnaise.

SOME GOOD MEETINGS.

Dear Brother:—On the 5th I started to Henry County Union and, after arriving at Paris, a deluge of rain kept me from reaching the meeting which was six miles in the country. They had a very fine meeting in spite of the rain, which shows that there are a lot of determined Union men in Henry County. On the 6th I attended the Gibson County Union. I was met at Dyer by Bro. J. D. Scott and carried out to Curry, where we met a very fine body of Union farmers. The evening was spent in executive session. The closed door meetings of the Gibson County Union is always very interesting. Their President and Secretary are both splendid officials and always present at their meetings. At 7:30 o'clock in the evening the public was invited to attend the meeting and a few Union speakers never had a better opportunity of talking to an audience. The school took part in the program, Union songs were sung, speeches made, music furnished and nothing was left undone to make this meeting a success.

I left that night for Carroll County Union, reaching there the next day at 11 o'clock. We had a splendid meeting and Bro. H. B. Lewis delivered a magnificent address. In the evening Bro. W. J. Forbess, one of the strongest young men in our county, the writer and others talked. Sunday I spent with my family, which is always a pleasure, as more than two-thirds of my Sundays are in part, or all, spent away from home. Monday I attended my mail, Tuesday I started to Hardin County, but the trip was up the river in a gasoline boat, the weather severely cold, my throat a little sore, and I changed my mind. With Prof. H. A. Morgan, I went to Paris to a farmers' meeting where we spent the evening and night. On the 11th, in company with Bro. E. H. Dowdy, and others, I went to Big Sandy to a Farmers' Union Meeting that it was an inspiration to attend. The school building was filled to overflowing and Prof. Harry Clark, Professor Hardin, and the writer, talked to a very appreciative

audience. Hon. E. H. Dowdy, member of the State Executive Committee and President of Benton County Union, presided, and he never fails to make a meeting a success.

At 3:37 o'clock next morning we started home and arrived at 5:35. To-night I go to Tyner in East Tennessee to organize a local and start the work in Hamelton County. Sickness and other circumstances over which I have no control has hindered me some this fall but we are making a strong pull and a hard fight to keep growing and prospering in Tennessee. I was invited to attend the North Carolina State Union and was also listed for eight days in Florida, but I could not make so long a journey at this time. I have been making short trips; traveling at night and speaking in the day-time. The cold winter has its "sweets" as well as its "bitters," of course, and the man at the head of a State Union cannot wait for good weather and favorable circumstances. The farmers of this Republic must organize and stay organized of surrender, for the rest of the world is gaining on the farmer in the race of life. Human life is a warfare from the cradle to the grave.

Farmers of Tennessee, stand by your guns.

Fraternally,

L. M. RHODES,

President Tennessee Division.

NOTES.

The lack of ventilation in churches is a crying shame and a disgrace. In this matter churches are usually far behind other public buildings, when, in reality, if clear thinking, good logic and conditions conducive to bringing out the very best that is in a man are essential in any place, they are essential in our churches.

It is a miserable shame to pay a minister our hard-earned money and have him pour forth his very soul in well thought-out sermons, only to have his words fall on dull, deaf, sleeping ears half asphyxiated with foul air. Why not a sermon on casting pearls before swine?

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Dear Farmers who want to be Better Farmers:

Why not join us at the Agricultural & Mechanical College in our midwinter study of modern farming? We shall take up questions that mean dollars to you, that mean added interest in your work, that mean open doors of future knowledge. We shall consider the preparation, seeding, tilling, feeding of staple crops, mixing fertilizers at home, improving and draining soils; feeding, breeding and care of animals, dairy work, common diseases of animals and their prevention; plant life and its needs, plant diseases and their remedies; truck growing, fruit growing, insects that injure crops—in short, those questions that are to be met every day on a good farm.

There will be no charge for these lectures. Board can be had for \$2.75 a week. The College rooms are so full that we cannot promise rooms in our dormitories, but rooms near the College can be rented for about \$2.00 a week. Come and bring your friends. Work begins January 3rd; ends February 12th. Write for catalogue.

Yours for improvement,

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