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MORE DAIRY COWS AND LESS COTTON

How the dairy cow can help reduce the cotton acreage in 1915 profitably is clearly set forth in a circular issued by the A. & M. College. It is stated that one good dairy cow, properly fed and cared for, will produce in one year products worth approximately $100. Against these receipts is a feed cost of $52.50, leaving a profit of $47.50 to pay for labor, intrests, etc. In addition the farmer has provided a home market for his farm crops and assured himslf a steady cash income. Just what crops to plant to do this, just how to feed and care for the animal, as welf as the other needful information is supplied in this circular just from the press, and designed for free distribution to the farmers of Texas.

Yes, a few good dairy cows and separator will cut down the high cost of living. In fact if every farmer possessed them along with some chickens, turkeys and pigs, the cry of "hard times" would be a thing of the past.

Too many of our farmer farm with the idea of "making money" if they would drop that idea and substitute the idea of "making a living"—they and the entire country would be prosperous and happy.

FLUVANNA LOCAL NEWS

Gee Harris is reported as quite sick.

Mrs. Marvin Smith is on the sick list.

Mr. Lee Spindles father is visiting him.

Mr. Clemens, of the county capitol, was here Monday.

Tom Winston's father of Fort Worth is here visiting him.

S. C. Hutchinson and family were in in Snyder Saturday.

We have a new restaurant, Tom Leach is the genial proprietor.

W R. Craft and wife are in Snyder consulting with the tooth fixer.

W. W. Weems our handsome County Attorney was here last Sunday.

D. E. Banks of Snyder was driving around through our city last week.

Dr. J. O. Lane and W. R. Craft went to Snyder on business last Saturday.

Our merchants report a big day Saturday from a business standpoint.

Jim Hardin of Roscoe has been here visiting his brothers, Geo. and Charles.

W. P. Arnold and Porter King of Snyder, were here Monday looking for game.

Damp, cloudy weather and cotton pickers are getting restless and home sick.

Mr. Baie a student in Baylor University of Waco is here selling Bibles and other good books.

The school at Hackberry opened last Monday with Prof. Dorris Snellings in the chair.

Mayor Nobles and Mr. Anderson of Snyder were looking at our city Monday. Hope they will locate with us for we need a Mayor.

E L. Seawalt and wife are visiting in Brownwood, but Miss Mary keeps the hotel going in their absence.

Rev. A. J. Leach came in from Abilene where he attended the Baptist General Convention. He sent the next session of that great body to Austin.

Our gin is crowded day and night, but it is too muddy and damp for your scribe to go out and get the cotton statistics this morning but hope to have them next week.

OBSERVER.

Banner Awarded.

The W. C. T. U. Banner Contest which took place at the M. E. Church last Sunday afternoon was attended by a large number of people. This was the third annual contest and was participated in by schools from the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Christian churches. Each school rendered instructive and entertaining programs. E. C. Curry, Mr. McGuinn and Mrs. Geo. Harris acted as judges and awarded the banner for the next year to the Presbyterian school.

Died.

B. F. Hayes, aged 35 years, died in Snyder last Sunday morning. He was brought here from Grayson county suffering from stomach trouble and was on his way to the home of his brother, H. C. Hryes who lives near Arah.

He leaves a wife and four children who reside in another part of the state. The funeral occurred Sunday afternoon Rev. J. E. Stephens conducting the service. The remains were laid to rest in the Snyder cemetery.

Dr. I. E. Smith, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, of Big Springs will be in Snyder, 7th and 8th. Office Manhattan Hotel.

Speaking of Bargains, you ought to drop in at A. P. Morsis' and see what a bargain is. Adv.

PROGRAM

SCURRY COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE 1914, AT THE CENTRAL SCHOOL BUILDING, SNYDER, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH. 10 A. M. TO TUESDAY DECEMBER 22ND.

C. R. BUCHANAN, County Superintendent.
Section 1—Miss Ethel Cherry, Conductor,
Section 2—E. A. Watson, Conductor,
Section 3—E. A. Bills, Conductor.

THURSDAY

10:00—Opening Exercises—Rev. J. E. Stephens.
Address of Welcome—W. W. Hamilton.
Response—Miss Nellie Joe Autry.
Preliminary Announcements—County Superintendent.
Election of Secretary.
Organization of Sections.
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NOON RECESS—
1:30—Ten minutes discussion on the following subjects—Professional Ethics among Teachers, O. L. Howell; The Teacher's duties outside the school, A. N. Epps; The Pupil's duties outside of school, Guy E. Casey.
2:00—The Life of Our Schools, Chap. 1, Horn—B. D. Black.
2:30—RECESS.
2:45—Sec. 1: Spelling, Charters' Chap. 1.—Miss Mary Heath.
Writing, Charters' Chap. 3.—Miss Maggie Lee Hull.
Sec. 2: Spelling, Charters' Chap. 1.—Miss Blanche Ely.
Writing, Charters', Chap. 2.—Miss Effie Hodge.
Sec. 2: Algebra, Fundamental principles and factoring—B. D. Black; Literary Societies in the High School—Miss Mary Bullard.

FRIDAY

9:00—Opening Exercises, Rev. M. T Tucker.
9:15—Ten minute discussions: Interscholastic League.—E. A. Watson; Planning of work, daily, weekly, monthly.—E. A. Bills; Professional Improvement.—Chas. K. Winston.
9:45—The Faith of the Teacher, Horn, Chap. 2.—Miss Annie L. Hull.
10:15—RECESS.
10:30—Sec. 1: Language, Charters' Chap. 3—
Subject Matter—Miss Ida Kelley,
Motive—Miss Eunice Brice.
Methods—Mrs. Mae Lemons.
Sec. 2: Language, Charters' Chap. 3.—Miss Annie L. Hull.
Sec. 3: Grammar, Charters' Chap. 4.—Miss Mamie Dorfman.
NOON RECESS.
1:30—Ten minute discussions: Libraries for teachers and pupils: Value, Miss Bullard; How to get one, O. L. Howell: Kind of Books, Miss Dorfman.
2:00—The best schools and the second best, Horn, Chap. 3—B. G. Appleton.
2:30—RECESS.
2:45—Sec. 1: Reading, Charters, Chap. 5—
Subject Matter—Miss Nellie Wilson.
Primary Reading—Miss Nannie Ball.
Motive—Miss Eula Stimson.
Sec. 2: Grammar, Charters' Chap. 4—Miss Lena Periman.
Sec. 3: Reading, Charters' Chap. 5—Miss Mamie Dorfman.
The Study of School Journals O. L. Howell; Physics, B. D. Black.

SATURDAY.

9:00—Opening Exercises—Rev. W. W. Werner.
9:15—Ten minute discussions: Value of memorizing gems of literature and how to arouse interest in same.—Miss Lela Porter;
What constitutes good order in the school room.—Miss Vera Heath.
Advantages and Disadvantages of School Entertainments—Miss Lizzie Watkins.
9:45—The best in manual training—E. A. Watson.
10:15—RECESS.
10:30—Sec. 1: Drawing, Charters' Chap. 6:
Subject Matter—Miss Jessie Hoskins.
Methods of teaching and study of appreciation—Miss Gladys Clark.
Value of songs and what and how to teach—Miss Mary Heath.
Sec. 2: Reading, Charters' Chap. 5—Miss Vera Heath.
Sec. 3: Geometry; methods of proof and how to attack problems—E. A. Watson.
Handicrafts, Charters' Chap. 8—Guy E. Casey.
NOON RECESS.
1:30—Ten minute discussions: Literary societies in rural schools, Guy E. Casey; How should legal holidays be observed, A. C. Tate; What should we teach as to cizenship, Ben Thorpe.
2:00—The best attainable, Horn, Chap. 5.—G. H. Leath.
2:30—RECESS.
2:45—Sec. 1: Geography, Charters' Chap. 9—Miss Una Rector.
History, Charters', Chap. 10—Mrs. O. L. Howell.
Sec. 2: Drawing, Charters' Chap. 6—Miss Lizzie Watkins.
Geography, Charters' Chap. 9—M. K. Maples.
Sec. 3: History, Charters, Chap. 10—O. L. Howell.
Civics, Charters' Chap. 11—Chas. K. Winston.

MONDAY.

9:00—Opening Exercises—Rev. Wm. Pearn.
9:15—Ten minute discussions: Should the teacher have regular periods for teaching morals and manners?—F. C. Hairston.
Disciplinary value of games and sports—Miss Mary Bullard.
To what extent should athletics be encouraged and why?—B. D. Black.
9:45—The best examples of an educated man, Horn, Chap 4—Miss Effie Hodge.
10:15—RECESS.
10:30—Sec. 1: Arithmetic, Charters' Chap. 12—Miss Grace Moore.
Plays and games—Miss Eula Stimson.
Busy Work—Miss Una Rector.
Sec. 2: Arithmetic, Chap. 12, Charters'—Miss Nellie Joe Autry.
Physiology and Hygiene, Charters' Chap. 13—Miss Zada Maxwell.
Sec. 3: Agriculture, Charters Chap. 14.—A. N. Epps.
Subject Matter, Charters' Chap. 15—Ben Thorpe.
Motive, Charters, Chap. 16—M. A. Grimes.
NOON RECESS.
1:30—Ten minute discussions: Spelling matches, advantages and disadvantages—J. W. Kay; Are the public schools failing in practical education?—H. M. Powell; Where is the greatest waste of time and energy in our present method of school work?—M. A Grimes.
2:00—Lecture on Hygiene—Dr. W. R. Johnson.
2:30—RECESS.
2:45—Sec. 1: Physiology and Hygiene, Charters, Chap. 13—Miss Ida Ohlhausen;
Stories for children—Miss Nannie Ball.
Sec. 2: History, Charters', Chap. 10.—G. H. Leath.
Civics—Charters' Chap. 11—H. M. Powell.
Sec. 3: Arithmetic, Charters', Chap. 12—E. A. Bills.
Physiology, Charters' Chap. 13—B. G. Appleton.
Round Table Discussion of State Course of Study, conducted by O. L. Howell.

TUESDAY

9:00—Opening Exercises—H. M. Boyd.
9:15—Ten minute discussions: University, home and school leagues—can we have them? (Bulletin No. 325)—Miss Oda Lindley.
Some suitable games for our schools (University Bulletin No. 311.)—Miss Veda Maxwell.
Value of local contests between schools—M. K. Maples.
9:45—One man who made the best use of his mistakes, Horn, Chap. 9,—Miss Lizzie Watkins.
10:15—RECESS.
10:30—Sec. 1: Pictures, Miss Ethel Cherry; Kindergarten material—Miss Ida Kelly; The Sand Table, Miss Grace Moore; Use of Charts, Miss Jessie Singletary.
Sec. 2: Agriculture, Charters' Chap 14—W. W. Hull.
Charters, Chaps. 17 and 18—F. C. Hairston.
Sec. 3: The recitation, Charters' Chap. 17.—A. N. Epps.
Assignment of Study, Charters' Chap. 18.—A. C. Tate.
NOON RECESS.
1:30—Increasing interest, of Federal and State governments in agricultural improvement.—F. I. Townsend.
2:30—RECESS.
2:45—Cotton classing and grading—Harvey Shuler.
3:15—Business session.

Horn's "Best Things in Our Schools" and Charters' "Teaching the Common Branches" are the professional books adopted for this year's institute work. The County Superintendent has ordered these books for the use of the teachers and they are now in his office in Snyder. The first book costs 90 cents, and the second book costs $1.25. Every teacher in the county is expected to purchase a least one of these books. To buy both of them would be a splendid professional investment.

The County Superintendent i required by law to organize and hold a County Teacher's Institute of five consecutive days of seven hours each, within the first four months of each scholastic year, and each teacher, under contract, either verbal or written, is required to attend such institute or risk the possibility of th cancellation of his certificate for wilfully absenting himself.

We insist that every teacher in this county make ample preparation for this meeting and come with the desire, willingly and cheerfully to receive and impart valuable ideas concerning successful school work.

Very respectfully,
C. R. BUCHANAN,
Ex-Off County Supt.

Ralston-Crossett

On Monday, Nov. 16, 1914, at 1 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Arnold Brown, in West Lubbock Rev. L. T. Grumbles performed the beautiful ceremony which bound together the young lives of Mr. William Ralston and Miss Williamette Crossett.

The charming bride is well known in Lubbock, having been a teacher in our schools. She has many warm friends here who extend to her their best wishes for a happy prosperous journey through life. She was at the time of her marriage a teacher in the Abilene school.

The groom is a promising young business man of Snyder, being at present connected with one of the banks at that place.

The home of Mrs. Brown where the marriage took place was tastefully decorated with flowers and ferns and the bride carried a boquet of white chrysanthemums.

A dainty four course luncheon was served and much merriment was created when the bride's cake was cut and the usual bad and good fortunes revealed. Miss Mae Murfee was the lucky one, receiving the ring which indicates that she'll be next.

Miss Delia Crossett "got the thimble," Miss Harriett Brown the dime and Rev. Grumbles the button.

The friends who enjoyed this quiet but beautiful wedding were, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Robinson, Judge and Mrs. E. R. Haynes, Mrs. B. D. McLary, Miss Cathrine Robinson, Miss Grace Rucker, Miss Mae Murfee, Mr. Hodges Crossett and Miss Della Crossett of Lamesa, brother and sister of the bride, Mr. Dick. Eubank of Snyder, and Mrs. Arnold Brown and her daughters, Misses Harriot and and Edna who so beautifully entertained the company and made the occasion one long to be remembered.

The bride and groom left on the south bound train for Snyder where they will be at home to their friends in the future.—Lubbock Avalanche.

Lockhart-Fenton.

Mr. L. H. Lockhart and Miss Nellie Fenton, were united in marriage, Sunday, Nov. 22, at the home of the bride, eight miles west of Snyder. Rev. L. S. Knight, officiating.

Miss Fenton, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fenton; she is a young lady of rare ability and lovely disposition and her many friends will miss her but glad to know that she will go to brighten a home in another part of the State.

Mr. Lockhart, is a former citizen of Scurry, and is highly esteemed by all who know him and we wish for this couple many happy years of useful life. They left Monday for their future home at Robbstown, Texas.

First Christian Church.

Pastor Wm Pearn will preach at 11:00 a.m. and 7:15 p. m. Special music at each service.

Church school at 9:45 a. m., J. W. Leftwick Supt.

The attendance at the Christian school on Sunday was 130. Aiming at 17[illegible]—be one of that number.

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Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, Friday, November 27, 1914

Rev. U. C. Howard

[We regret very much indeed to lose Rev. U. C. Howard and wife as citizens of Snyder, for their influence for good in our town and community will be greatly missed; yet we trust that the Master is leading them into a larger field of usefulness. We join, with all Snyder, in wishing God's richest blessings to rest upon them in their new home at Seymoure, Texas.]—Ed.

In spite of my preference not to make a "noise" in going to another field, I find I cannot do my own feelings justice without expressing to some extent my appreciation of the people of Snyder.

My wife and I feel that we will perhaps never find more universal good will and kindness, nor have more real friends in proportion to population. We would like to show how particular and special acts of goodness have impressed, and lingered with us, but it is impractical.

We do not expect to find better people or meet more friendships. We are not at all jubilant in separating from you. The Kingdom of our common Lord calls for a change in the location of His Ministers now and then. It seems we may do more now, elsewhere, for His cause after these pleasant years at Snyder. I have been unusually happy in the liberality shown me in my efforts to leave our little church here with a Manse for their future pastors, which will enable them more readily to secure the services of good, strong men. I "pressed" no one for subscriptions, tho' I let many know of our efforts. I even suggested to some that they had perhaps been too liberal and proposed reductions, only a few would do it (becouse they had to) and in each instance others unconciously made it up. It has seemed from the beginning to be the movement of answered prayer (prayers dating from 1910.) Some whose subscriptions came due said "Wait just a few days" "feel free to call my attention to it again;" "I will not reduce it;" "Wish I could give more" etc. One party, when due, mailed us a check, (lest I shonld forget) another party not being able to pay when due, later paid a dollar more than he subscribed. I have never met such liberality and cordiality from so nearly a whole community in a similar enterprise. It seemed everyone knew our need and wanted us to have it. I have not found a more moral, upright people than here. Our united efforts to save Souls are ahead of anything I have been able to witness anywhere, and are more to my liking than anything I have had before. Read Num. 6:24 26.

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WAREHOUSES, CREDITS AND ACREAGE

SOLUTION OF COTTON PROBLEM, SAYS FARMERS' UNION.

Diversification Urged and Coercion Opposed.

The marketing problem of the southern farmer is attracting universal attention and the exigencies of the situation fully demonstrate the wisdom of the course pursued by the Farmers' Union in the campaign it has been carrying on for the past ten years for a better marketing system. The best time to prepare for a fire is before it occurs, for while the conflagration is raging it is too late to prevent destruction and the best that can be done is to save the furniture.

The southern farmer has just experienced a four hundred million dollar blaze in cotton values and the lurid flames as tney leap skyward have illuminated the horizon of two hemispheres and have assembled the largest body of property holders, spectators and sympathizers that ever witnessed a conflagration and while the crowd is standing around we want to address them briefly from the standpoint of the owner of the property involved. We think the subject has been fully exhausted from every other line of approach.

Every calamity has its froth, and the foam and bubbles that have come to the surface in this discussion, while beautiful as a rainbow and as alluring as a mirage, are in many instances not adapted to solving the problem. Then too many cooks spoil the broth and there must be some one plan universally followed or all will fail. We want to review some of the plans now under discussion and recommend for the adoption of the Texas farmer such plans as we think practicable and feasible.

The problem before us is clearly one of warehouses, credits and acreage. They are business—not political—problems and their solution must be based on sound economic principles.

Warehouse Bill a Farce.

The so-called relief measures passed by the last legislature are, in their present form, of little value. The warehouse bill submitted to the last legislature by the Farmers' Union was thrown together with a lot of other bills on this subject and a hybrid bill prepared, apparently by parties who have no practical knowledge of the cotton industry. While we appreciate the sincerity of the motive and honesty of effort that actuated the legislature, the Farmers' Union hereby washes its hands of the whole affair. The farmers of Texas can hope for no relief from any enactments of the last session of the legislature as they now stand.

The plan of the Texas bankers to force a reduction of acreage by requiring a farmer to sign a pledge to reduce acreage before lending money on cotton no doubt has patriotic motives behind it, but in effect it is vicious. It forces the poor farmer, who must borrow money, to reduce his acreage next year, but leaves the well-to-do farmer and the large planter, who are independent of the power of the banker, to do as they please. No farmer should be coerced by business pressure of the banker to sign such a contract, for he can depend upon the large planter increasing his acreage in the same ratio that the poor farmer decreases his. Likewise, the farmer should pay no attention to agents of self-appointed agricultural administrators who call around with their sample cases filled with advice on when to sell cotton and how many acres to plant next year.

By what authority does the merchant and the banker exert the right of eminent domain over the products of the soil?

Acreage a World Problem.

The question of cotton acreage is not a local or state problem, if indeed it can be solved nationally. It is a world problem, for in what way would it profit the south to reduce the cotton acreage, say 10 per cent, if the foreign countries took up the slack? No Texas farmer should be asked to pledge a reduction of acreage unless satisfactory assurance is given that the propaganda will be successfully carried on in other cotton states and countries. The Farmers' Union has been dealing with this problem for the past ten years and has placed its influence behind almost every suggestion that promised solution and out of our experience we are inclined to suggest, at the moment, that there is a peril in planting cotton by law or farming by dictation from bankers. We think planting by the moon is as good a plan as either (although we have never tried it) unless the total world acreage can be regulated by these influences.

We present statistics from the Federal Department of Agriculture dealing with the subject which give a reason why the farmer does not take eagerly to diversification. The following table gives a list of our leading staple products produced in Texas and their average value per acre during the past five years:

Crop	Five year average value per accre
Cotton	$21.55
Oats	14.35
Corn	12.97
Wheat	12.76

Want Information—Not Advice.

It is information the farmer wants. If some one will fill in the figures on value of the 1915 crop per acre, the farmer will know what to do and he is ready to listen to business reasons and discussions relative to prospective price per pound of the 1915 crop based upon practical, not theoretical, conditions. If he is convinced it will be more profitable to plant other crops he will do so and if not, he will plant cotton and that is all there is to it.

The Farmers' Union stands for reduction of cotton acreage by diversification but it is difficult to induce a farmer to plant a product that will yield $15.00 per acre so long as he can plant one that will make $20.00. The subject of diversification always opens up a fertile field of discussion for the book farmers who hold a recipe for doubling production without an increase in the cost. It is passing strange that these magic plowmen who can make a hundred bushels of corn grow where fifty grew before are usually standing on street corners looking for jobs and how they have survived so many hair-breadth escapes from wealth, is truly marvelous. The practical farmer knows that prosperity predicated upon such a basis is a myth and the business man knows it too if he would only stop and think.

Out of the mass of suggestions now before the public the one, in our opinion, most desirable is the plan of the national bankers, headed by Festus J. Wade of St. Louis, which proposes to lend the farmer money on cotton at 6 per cent without any strings tied to it. This plan originated in Texas and proved successful and satisfactory in operation.

The problem before us involves principally organization of the farmer and co-operation of the business interests. We will have more to say on this subject at a later date.

W. D. Lewis, President. Farmers' Educational & Co-operative Union of Texas.
Peter Radford, National Lecturer, Farmers' Educational & Co-operative Union of America.

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EUROPEAN WAR SHATTERS KING COTTON'S THRONE

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Nation Rings With Cries of Stricken Industry.

By Peter Radford.
Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

King Cotton has suffered more from the European war than any other agricultural product on the American continent. The shells of the belligerents have bursted over his throne, frightening his subjects and shattering his markets, and, panic-stricken, the nation cries out "God save the king."

People from every walk of life have contributed their mite toward rescue work. Society has danced before the king; milady has decreed that the family wardrobe shall contain only cotton goods; the press has plead with the public to "buy a bale"; bankers have been formulating holding plans; congress and legislative bodies have deliberated over relief measures; statesmen and writers have grown eloquent expounding the inalienable rights of "His Majesty" and presenting schemes for preserving the financial integrity of the stricken staple, but the sword of Europe has proved mightier than the pen of America in fixing value upon this product of the sunny south. Prices have been bayoneted, values riddled and markets decimated by the battling hosts of the eastern hemisphere until the American farmer has suffered a war loss of $400,000,000, and a bale of cotton brave enough to enter an European port must pay a ransom of half its value or go to prison until the war is over.

Hope of the Future Lies in Co-operation.

The Farmers' Union, through the columns of the press, wants to thank the American people for the friendship, sympathy and assistance given the cotton farmers in the hour of distress and to direct attention to co-operative methods necessary to permanently assist the marketing of all farm products.

The present emergency presents as grave a situation as ever confronted the American farmer and from the viewpoint of the producer, would seem to justify extraordinary relief measures, even to the point of bending the constitution and straining business rules in order to lift a portion of the burden off the backs of the farmer, for unless something is done to check the invasion of the war forces upon the cotton fields, the pathway of the European pestilence on this continent will be strewn with mortgaged homes and famine and poverty will stalk over the southland, filling the highways of industry with refugees and the bankruptcy court with prisoners.

All calamities teach us lessons and the present crisis serves to illuminate the frailties of our marketing methods and the weakness of our credit system, and out of the financial anguish and travail of the cotton farmer will come a volume of discussion and a mass of suggestions and finally a solution of this, the biggest problem in the economic life of America, if, indeed, we have not already laid the foundation for at least temporary relief.

More Pharoahs Needed in Agriculture.

Farm products have no credit and perhaps can never have on a permanent and satisfactory basis unless we build warehouses, cold storage plants, elevators, etc., for without storage and credit facilities, the south is compelled to dump its crop on the market at harvest time. The Farmers' Unions in the cotton producing states have for the past ten years persistently advocated the construction of storage facilities. We have built during this period 2,000 warehouses with a capacity of approximately 4,000,000 bales and looking backward the results would seem encouraging, but looking forward, we are able to house less than one-third of the crop and warehouses without a credit system lose 90 per cent of their usefulness. The problem is a gigantic one—too great for the farmer to solve unaided. He must have the assistance of the banker, the merchant and the government.

In production we have reached the high water mark of perfection in the world's history, but our marketing methods are most primitive. In the dawn of history we find agriculture plowing with a forked stick but with a system of warehouses under governmental supervision that made the Egyptians the marvel of civilization, for who has not admired the vision of Joseph and applauded the wisdom of Pharoah for storing the surplus until demanded by the consumer, but in this age we have too many Josephs who dream and not enough Pharoahs who build.

RAILROADS APPEAL TO PRESIDENT

The Common Carriers Ask for Relief—President Wilson Directs Attention of Public to Their Needs.

The committee of railroad executives, headed by Mr. Frank Trumbull, representing thirty-five of the leading railroad systems of the nation, recently presented to President Wilson a memorandum briefly reviewing the difficulties now confronting the railroads of the country and asking for the co-operation of the governmental authorities and the public in supporting railroad credits and recognizing an emergency which requires that the railroads be given additional revenues.

The memorandum recites that the European war has resulted in general depression of business on the American continent and in the dislocation of credits at home and abroad. With revenues decreasing and interest rates increasing the transportation systems of the country face a most serious crisis and the memorandum is a strong presentation of the candle burning at both ends and the perils that must ultimately attend such a conflagration when the flames meet is apparent to all. In their general discussion the railroad representatives say in part: "By reason of legislation and regulation by the Federal Government and the forty-eight states acting independently of each other, as well as through the action of a strong public opinion, railroad expenses in recent years have vastly increased. No criticism is here made of the general theory of governmental regulation, but on the other hand, no ingenuity can relieve the carriers of expenses created thereby."

President Wilson, in transmitting the memorandum of the railroad presidents to the public, characterizes it as "a lucid statement of plain truth." The President recognizing the emergency as extraordinary, continuing, said in part:

"You ask me to call the attention of the country to the imperative need that railway credits be sustained and the railroads helped in every possible way, whether by private co-operative effort or by the action, wherever feasible of governmental agencies and I am glad to do so because I think the need very real."

The conference was certainly a fortunate one for the nation, and the President is to be congratulated for opening the gate to a new world of effort in which everyone may co-operate.

There are many important problems in our complex civilization that will yield to co-operation which will not lend themselves to arbitrary rulings of commissions and financing railroads is one of them. The man with the money is a factor that cannot be eliminated from any business transaction, and the public is an interested party that should always be consulted and happily the President has invited all to participate in the solution of our railroad problems.

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MARKETING WORLD'S GREATEST PROBLEM

We Are Long on Production Short on Distribution.

By Peter Radford.
Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The economic distribution of farm products is today the world's greatest problem and the war, while it has brought its hardships, has clearly emphasized the importance of distribution as a factor in American agriculture and promises to give the farmers the co-operation of the government and the business men the solution of their marketing problem.

This result will, in a measure, compensate us for our war losses, for the business interests and government have been in the main assisting almost exclusively on the production side of agriculture. While the department of agriculture has been dumping tons of literature on the farmer telling him how to produce, the farmer has been dumping tons of products in the nation's garbage can for want of a market.

The World Will Never Starve.

At no time since Adam and Eve were driven from the Garden of Eden have the inhabitants of this world suffered from lack of production, but some people have gone hungry from the day of creation to this good hour for the lack of proper distribution. Slight variations in production have forced a change in diet and one locality has felt the pinch of want, while another surfeited, but the world as a whole has ever been a land of plenty.

We now have less than one-tenth of the tillible land of the earth's surface under cultivation, and we not only have this surplus area to draw on but it is safe to estimate that in case of dire necessity one-half of the earth's population could at the present time knock their living out of the trees of the forests, gather it from wild vines and draw it from streams. No one should become alarmed; the world will never starve.

The consumer has always feared that the producer would not supply him and his fright has found expression on the statute books of our states and nations, and the farmer has been urged to produce recklessly and without reference to a market, and regardless of the demands of the consumer.

Back to the Soil.

The city people have been urging each other to move back to the farm, but very few of them have moved. We welcome our city cousins back to the soil and this earth's surface contains 16,092,160,000 idle acres of tillable land where they can make a living by tickling the earth with a forked stick, but we do not need them so far as increasing production is concerned; we now have all the producers we can use. The city man has very erroneous ideas of agricultural conditions. The commonly accepted theory that we are short on production is all wrong. Our annual increase in production far exceeds our increase in population.

The World as a Farm.

Taking the world as one big farm, we find two billion acres of land in cultivation. Of this amount there is approximately 730,000,000 acres on the western and 1,260,000,000 acres on the eastern hemisphere, in cultivation. This estimate, of course, does not include grazing lands, forests, etc., where large quantities of meat are produced.

The world's annual crop approximates fifteen billion bushels of cereals, thirteen billion pounds of fibre and sixty-five million tons of meat.

The world shows an average increase in cereal production of 13 per cent. during the past decade, compared with the previous five years, while the world's population shows an increase of only 3 per cent.

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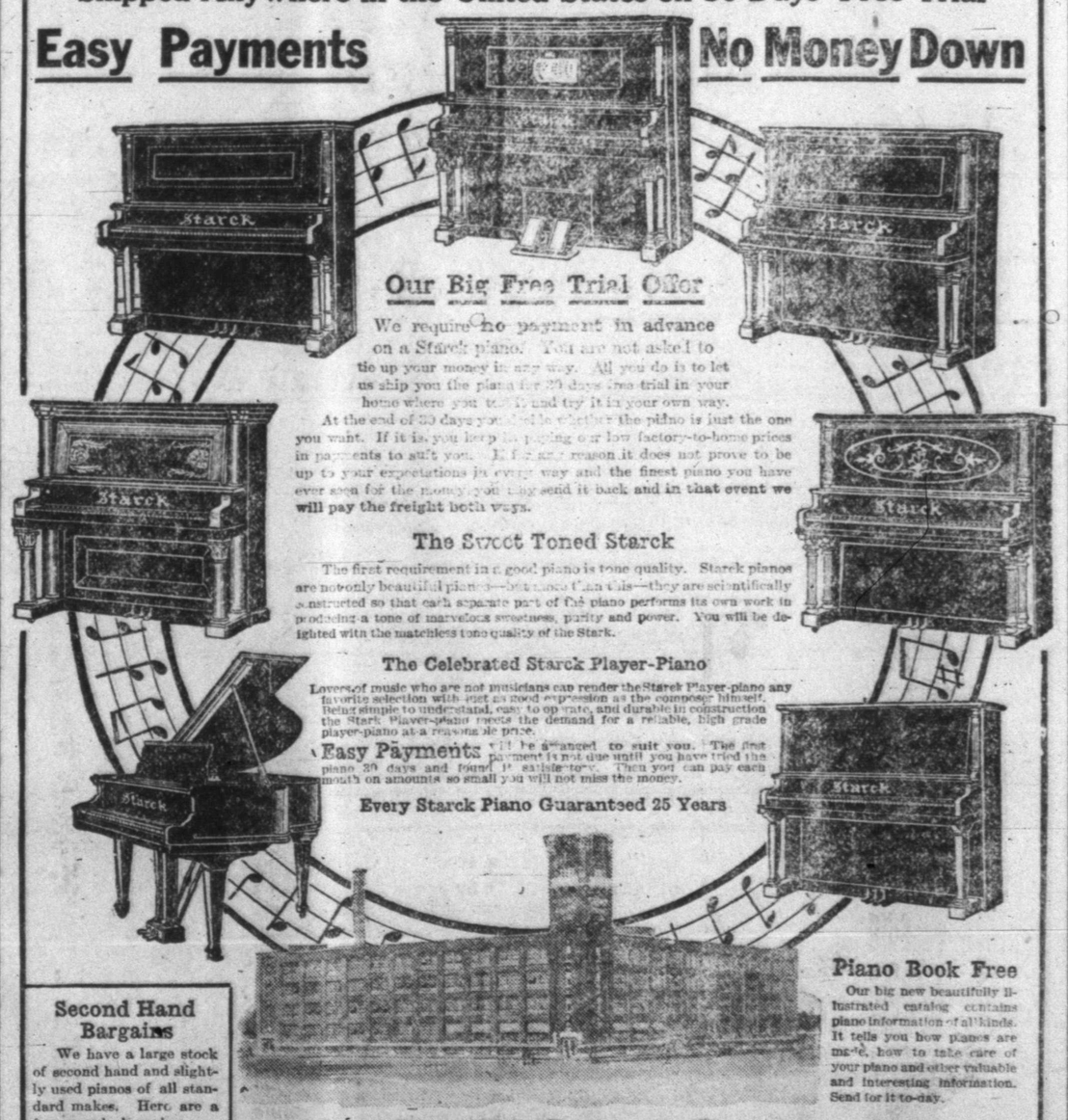

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

M. Stacy of Hermleigh was here Tuesday.

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R. E. Cox and wife returned from Abilene Monday.

C. R. Lockhart returned from Abilene Monday.

A nice line of chocolate candy at Mings'.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Nelson Jr., a boy. Nov. 26.

The best 5c cigar in town at Mings'. adv.

W. E. Head, wife and daughter were here Friday from Dunn.

See H. H. Cotten for abstracts and loans on city property.

J. H. Ellis of the Dunn community was here first of the week.

Sheriff Mirrill transacted business in Hermleigh first of week

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Nichols returned from Post City, Tuesday.

Dr. A. O. Scarborough made a professional visit to Post Saturday

We have New Furniture, Rugs etc, and will sell them and take your old junk.

A. P. Morris.

T. H. Huffman came in with cotton from the Dermott community Saturday.

Judge Buchanan was coefined to his home the first of the week. We are glad to report him able to be at his post again.

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T. F. Kelley and daughter returned Monday from attending the Baptist connvention at Abilene.

County Attorney Weems transacted legal business at Fluvanna and Hermleigh this week.

W. O. Wellborn Jr., came in from Baird, Monday, on business with our people.

Rev. Henry Ingle preached at the Hermleigh Baptist church last Sunday and visited in Snyder Monday.

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J. B. Cloyse of Dermott was here Monday transacting business and meeting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton Massey and little son of Sweetwater visited over Sunday with home folks here.

The Turkey dinner given by the ladies of the Eastern Star on Wednesday last, netted them about $70.00.

W. P. Woodfin of near Hermleigh was a business visitor here Monday.

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Uncle Jack Watson of the Hermleigh community was here Saturday selling cotton.

Rev. L. S. Knight left Wednesday evening to attend the North Colorado Baptist Association which meets at Hermleigh this week.

Carl Hutchinson and family came down from Fluvanna in their car Saturday.

Miss Lucile Miller left Thursday for Anson where she will teach school.

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HERE ARE TWO GOOD ONES

109 Here is a party who has a practically new 3 room house and two lots, close in on good corner, in Oklahoma City, valued at $1500.00 also 5 acres on the El Reno car line and lays nicely. Has small house, peach, pear, apple and cedar trees doing nicely. It is on a corner and close to a good town, Bethany, a suburban addition to Oklahoma City; Is on the valley of the North Canadian, which is very rich soil. Bethany has as fine schools and colleges as are to be found in the State. This is a five acre tract that party cut off and held from his old farm which he sold to the electric car company for $200.00 per acre, and is now laid off in small tracts aleng the car line. This five acres is offered for $200.00 per acre, or $1000 00 for the entire tract, including the improvements, both properties amounting to $2500.00. An encumbrance of $500.00 can be assumed by puschaser or owner will pay off if necessary. This party wants some good smooth land in Texas, about 3 to 5 sections of cheap land. prefers land with running creek and timber on it. He will put in this property and pay balance in cash, or cash and notes. Submit a proposition for this man and make the very best possible price, not one that you would expect to fall from, for this party is ready to do business and will make inspection just as soon as he finds something that interests him. Let us hear what you have to put up to him and we will get busy at once and see what can be done.

108 This party wants good land in shallow water country, sufficent to irrigate, as he intends to colonize the land. He has 48 valuable lots in Oklahoma City, prominently located, high and level. twenty blocks north and west from the State Capitol which is now under construction and property is constantly increasing in value, it being predicted by people of good judgment that property in this section will double in value in the near future, which is reasonable. These lots are platted and lay together; have a fine view of the City and the capitol. They contain improvements consisting of one 2 room house, one 4 room house, one 6 room house and brick store building, also has two wells of good water, barns etc. A large amount of capital is interested in this part of the city and a great deal of improvement has been done. There is no doubt but that this property has a great future. There is an incumbrance of $3000.00 on this property that purchaser would assume. The buildings and all go with the lots for 5500.00 per lot. This would amount to $24,000.00, and owner will trade for twice this amount in good land at the right price and give notes for balance on reasonable time and rate of interest. He will settle up and improve the land that he buys, making the security gilt edge. He has very desireable property and very reasonable in price, as an investigation will prove; will have to be seen and compared with other values to be fully understood and appreciated. What have you to offer?

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