

CITY AND FARM TAKE MILD RAP AT EACH OTHER

Mayor Newman Welcomes Co-operators Congress; President Burlingame Talks.

With several hundred farmers, their wives, and business and professional men and women of Great Falls occupying the seats on the main floor and balcony of the Grand theater, the sixth annual convention of the Co-operators congress was called to order, Thursday evening at 7:30 by W. M. Burlingame, president of the Montana union of the Co-operators.

President Burlingame responded in response to Mayor Newman's address Mr. Burlingame, not in a spirit of enmity, as he explained, but simply to defend the points brought out by Mr. Newman, said:

"It has been my custom for several years to give a brief response to the address of the mayor, but I have not done so for some time. I am glad to tell you that Great Falls is one of the cleanest and best cities in the northwest. It always looks good to me and I believe that it is one of the best cities in the northwest. We have resources and men who have come to stay. If some of the business and professional men could see how the farmers in the northern part of the state are living and what they are doing to try to stay in Montana they would realize that they have come to stay.

Not Fault of Farmers. "There are many reasons why the farmers haven't co-operated with the city of Great Falls. It is not the fault of the farmers. The farmers have been ready to co-operate but there have been men in Great Falls who didn't extend a 'glad hand' of sympathy or assistance. I am sure that if some of the business and professional men could see how the farmers in the northern part of the state are living and what they are doing to try to stay in Montana they would realize that they have come to stay.

Another reason why there has been a lack of co-operation among the farmers and the business men and which it wouldn't do for me to tell you some things about it, is that some of the men in Great Falls who didn't extend a 'glad hand' of sympathy or assistance to the farmers and say, 'here, this is your bank, and we are glad to serve you,' there would be a better spirit among the farmers toward the business men of this city.

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Mayor Newman's address to which Mr. Burlingame made the above remarks was as follows:

"I am called upon as mayor of Great Falls to extend to you upon behalf of the people of this city a cordial welcome and I wish to assure you that the performance of my duty will not only afford me honor, but also give me much pleasure.

"You are gathered here, I assume, for the purpose of discussing the various problems of the farms with a view of improving your financial, social, and general economic conditions and we trust that your deliberations will be fruitful of good results and will lead to yourselves as well as our great state of Montana.

To Stimulate Friendly Feeling. "May I take advantage of this opportunity to say that I am sure I express the sentiments of a large part of our people when I express the feeling that you may find the time and inclination to give the matter of your relation to the city and its business men some consideration with a view of stimulating more friendly feeling than has been in effect for several years past. I do not know why, unless it is because of the general unrest and agitation not only in this country but throughout the world as a result of the late war that there has been a very noticeable tendency upon a good many farms and farming communities, to encourage the professional leaders in farming communities to look upon the city and its merchants and other business men with ill favor and distrust and to profess an attitude that business men and merchants are not necessary, that the farmer can do without the business men, but I contend that the prosperity of the farmers is interlocked with the prosperity of the business men and the city and vice versa. Now it may be that the farmer may get along for a time with out the business men, but I am sure that you can get along much better with them.

Co-operation Won War. "You will no doubt recall that during the late war, nearly every organization engaged in a special war work used for its slogan that 'Our work will win the war.' The food administration, the Liberty bond agents, the ship builders, the munitions workers and all but the boys in the trenches for the most part, were united in their efforts on the battlefields claimed credit for the victory that was going to be won but the fact is, as you know, that it was not the food administration alone nor the work done by any single organization that won the war, but the co-operated efforts of all of the organizations that made the victory possible, and it is only the co-operation of the farmer and the merchant, the business and professional men, that will make a permanent and everlasting peace possible.

Saw Signs of Antagonism. "As an illustration of the result of lack of co-operation between the country and the city I may quote our experience a few years ago with the farmers in the country quite tributary to our city. The business men here

SOCIETY OF EQUITY FARMERS HAS 100 DELEGATES PRESENT

Federation of Farm Organizations in State Occupies Attention; Grain Marketing Will Be Discussed.

With a few more than 100 delegates present from all parts of the state, the sixth annual convention of the Montana union of the Society of Equity Farmers was called to order, Thursday afternoon at 7:30 by W. M. Burlingame, president of the Montana union of the Society of Equity Farmers.

President Burlingame gave a brief talk explaining the purpose of the Co-operators congress, after which he introduced Mayor Lowell Newman of Great Falls, who delivered the address of welcome.

Credentials Rule Suspended. The afternoon session opened with the reports of the credentials committee and the committee on committees. The former committee, which comprised Knute Olesgaard of Kalispell, L. H. Toed of Bozeman, and O. H. Gray of Harlowton, reported that many of the delegates were present with credentials as required by the bylaws of the organization. It was explained that this was due to financial conditions which have caused the abandonment of some of the local organizations. President W. M. Burlingame made a plea for the suspension of the bylaws on this point, and it was unanimously voted to allow all Equities to participate in the meetings whether their dues had been paid for the last year or not.

Committee Appointments. The committee on committees, which comprised B. A. Scollard of Manhattan, A. A. Bronson of Conrad and H. O. Folkestad, state secretary of the Equity, reported the following assignments: Chairman, M. J. Weersing, Manhattan; F. J. Dahlstrom, Conrad, and O. H. Gray, Harlowton. Marketing, F. E. Smith, Manhattan; H. S. Hall, Kalispell; G. W. Wilcox, Rapelle; H. G. Dyer, Great Falls and A. M. Criswell, Conrad. By-Laws—Bert Kamps, Manhattan; C. Foster, Coffee Creek and E. A. Gilbert. Resolutions—Andrew Erickson, Conrad; Mortimer Blossom, Sun River and Lester Todd, Bozeman. Finance—W. M. Williams, Manhattan; A. G. Dillman, Conrad and Sigurd Huso, Prairie county. Insurance—F. A. Butler, Manhattan; Fred Schiepp, Bradley and Frank Simacek, Kalispell. Legislative—A. E. Bronson, Conrad; Knute Olesgaard, Kalispell and D. C. Dyer, Brady.

Grain Marketing Is Topic. The question of grain marketing projected the most interesting feature of the meeting, though the program provided that it should be order of business for Friday afternoon. G. W. Wilcox of Rapelle, chairman of the committee, suggested that efforts should be spent in working out a plan whereby the many farmers' co-operative elevators throughout the state could be consolidated into a few large ones. He said that during the last fall farmers, bankers and merchants had aroused themselves to the necessity of taking a more active interest in the marketing of Montana wheat.

made every effort possible, expended large sums of money and urged the completion of the Sun River irrigation project, and while this was being done by the business men of the city a large number of the farmers in this project opposed the completion of the project, and were for it, taking the attitude that grain was received from the project was good for the city it could not be good for the country. The result of that lack of co-operation most of you all well know by this time. It retarded the development of the country tributary to our city as well as the city itself for at least 10 years.

Address One of Welcome. "However, all I am expected to do on this occasion is merely to make an address of welcome and getting back to that point let me again assure you that the merchants and business men of Great Falls extend their hand of fellowship and good will to all of you not only upon this but every other occasion. We are ready to co-operate with you whenever and wherever you are in our city and we trust that your stay here will be pleasant and pleasurable so that when you leave our midst that you will do so with kind recollections of your visit here and that you will feel like coming to us again."

Two Speakers Not Here. Neither J. M. Anderson, president of the Equity Co-operative Exchange at St. Paul or Wellington D. Rankin, attorney general for Montana appearing as speakers on the platform on Thursday night as formerly announced. Word was received Thursday night that Mr. Anderson could not attend the present session of the Co-operators' congress owing to sickness and a telegram was received from Mr. Rankin stating that he was busy with supreme court matters at Helena making it impossible for him to deliver his address here Thursday night.

S. W. "Uncle Sam" Hampton of Bozeman spoke on "The Great Business of Living, and Being an American" in place of Mr. Anderson. No substitution was made for Mr. Hampton.

A. C. Jefferson of Highwood, formerly vice president of the state organization of the Equity, attended the opening sessions of the convention Thursday, greeting many old friends.

HARLEM LEGION GIVES SECOND ANNUAL DANCE. Special to The Tribune. Harlem, Feb. 10.—The recent second annual dance given by the American legion here was a success financially as it netted the post approximately \$40. It was given on February 10 at the Harmon Commercial club, severed diplomatic relations with Germany.

PAYMENT OF DUES RULE SUSPENDED BY SOCIETY OF EQUITY CONVENTION

Equity farmers, many of whom have been loyal and active members of the Society of Equity for six and seven years, never missing an annual state convention, will not be compelled to pay dues for the last year in order to get the privilege of participating in the annual convention now in progress in this city. This action was taken at the opening of the business session in the Grand theater Thursday afternoon, following the report of the credentials committee.

President William Burlingame addressed the convention just before the opening of the report, citing instances of the hundreds of farmers who had written him of their inability to attend the convention because of distressing financial conditions, due to crop failures, some reporting that they did not have money enough to buy the necessities of life. Mr. Burlingame said in his report that he had written many who loyalty to the principle of co-operative marketing and organization among farmers had made them make sacrifices in order to get to the convention, and he did not believe it right to exact from them unpaid dues before allowing them to participate in the convention. Without dissenting the motion was carried to suspend the by-laws governing credentials.

MONTANA NEEDS CO-OPERATION, SAYS MINISTER

Rev. L. L. Totten of Presbyterian Church Talks to Co-operators Congress.

"Co-operation is the climax of human civilization, because it is both the means and the end by which civilization advances," said the Rev. L. L. Totten of the Presbyterian church, in his talk to the Co-operators congress, at the Grand theater, Thursday night.

"Co means together, and operate, to do the greatest utterance from the lips of man was that of Paul when he said, 'We are workers together with God.' And Jesus said, 'My father worketh hitherto and I work.' Work and co-operation are the two essentials to all success in civilization and in the welfare of the human race.

Must Recognize Creator. "First we must recognize the Creator and his plans for the universe in which we live. It is only a fool who says that he is his own creator, and that he has no plans for the governing and direction of the race which has been placed upon the globe. The first element of all success is to recognize and understand the great Creator and the Creator who lives Co-operated with the wind, our commerce is carried, with electricity we have light and our voices carried to the uttermost parts of the earth. Co-operation is the only way we have to advance in industry. Co-operated with each other, we have a government.

Antagonism Stop Advancement. "The greatest impediment to present advancement is the social, industrial, political and national and racial antagonisms. Hundreds of millions of lives have been sacrificed in the foolish and wicked antagonisms of war. Much has been lost in the competitions and frictions of trade. But all industrial and commercial gains have been done through co-operation.

For Willing Co-operation. "The co-operation that we advocate is that of a free, intelligent, willing and cordial hearted man, who joins with all others in the industrial life of his community. The force of antagonism is the force of antagonism, and the force of antagonism is the force of antagonism, and the force of antagonism is the force of antagonism.

With Co-Operators in Hall and Lobby. A. G. Dillman of Conrad, who has attended every Equity convention held in Great Falls, is present again this year, and it is reported he has written a book on the subject of co-operation. "Dynamite" is what Dillman calls his idea.

One of the practical co-operators who is to be found each year at the Equity convention is O. M. Gere of Helena, manager of the Equity Growers and Shippers' association. Under Mr. Gere's direction a most profitable co-operative business has been built up by the fruit growers of the community. He has many suggestions and suggestions antagonistic to the highest interests of humanity.

State Needs Co-operation by All. "What we need in Montana and in Great Falls is the co-operation of each farmer and working man, each banker and merchant in the most cordial of the others as a part of a program of advancement. No one part of the community can truly progress without the others, and we must co-operate for the common good.

Friday's Program of Big Meetings at Grand Theater

- Afternoon—Marketing Forum.
 - 1:30—"Co-operative Marketing of Apples," O. M. Gere, president of the Fruit Growers' Association, Hamilton.
 - 1:45—"Municipal Marketing," J. B. Sherlock, Great Falls.
 - 2:15—"Equity Activities in Iowa," H. L. Blasonette, manager of Equity Co-operative Equity.
 - 2:30—"Co-operative Marketing of Farm Products," W. L. Howe, president, Farmers' Co-operative Union of Montana.
 - 4:00—General discussion and summary.
- Evening—Co-operators Congress.
 - A. G. Waite, Big Sandy, Chairman.
 - 7:30—"Activities in the Northern Great Plains," Captain Robert Wilson, United States department of agriculture.
 - 8:15—"The Farmer and Higher Education," Alfred Atkinson, president, Montana State Agricultural college.
 - 9:00—"Children at Play," Miss Mignon Quay, recreation specialist, State Agricultural college.

STATE CO-OPERATIVE BILL RAPIDLY BY FEDERAL HEAD

President Stephen Ely of the State Labor Body Gives Address; Declares He Opposes Butte Daily Bulletin.

Creation of the office of state sheriff by the Montana state legislature was condemned as a duplication of the Pennsylvania constitutional law in the report of President Stephen Ely to the convention of the Montana State Federation of Labor at Carpenters' hall Thursday. President Ely characterized the constitutional law as a means employed by corporations against striking workmen and declared that use of it in Pennsylvania has been a "disgrace" to the entire country.

Legislation is Big Topic. The prediction that the convention would be largely occupied in considering proposed legislation now before the general assembly was confirmed by the trend of Mr. Ely's report, which was read by the convention on Friday (Friday) by a special committee. He declared that initiative measure No. 17 relating to the primary law was introduced without serious consideration. The report covered the minimum wage bill for women and minors; the old age pension bill; the full train crew bill; the car shed bill and the bill to regulate the length of trains, and the anti-picketing bill.

Opposes Butte Bulletin. Declaring that the federation does not subscribe in toto to the policies of the Butte Bulletin, which was endorsed one year ago as the organization's official mouthpiece, President Ely recommended that this convention endorse no paper not directly controlled or owned by the federation. The federation, he said, should not do anything to support the Bulletin's propaganda for dual organizations which are "bent to destroy our movement."

Women Clerks Have Grievance. The convention's grievance committee will consider the complaint of Great Falls married women clerks against the Great Falls clerks' union at the request of a delegation of women clerks, although urged to take on Tuesday. A suit is now pending in which married women seek to enjoin the union from interfering with their employment. The union provides only that union members shall be employed, but the union has always refused to admit married women to membership.

Committees Appointed. Committees appointed by President Ely were: Resolutions—W. F. Dunn of Butte; James E. Winsby of Great Falls; Ed Davies of Roundup; William Simpson of Helena, and John Peters of Sand Coulee. Credentials—C. E. McLanathan of Great Falls; John Green of Butte; L. E. Murphy of Anaconda; Charles Oberly of Missoula; Frank Price of Helena; and J. C. Barrett of Great Falls.

Committee on president's report—Herbert Gallagher of Great Falls; James Anderson of Helena; Leonard Klein of Helena; E. Mercer of Kalispell. Committee on rules and orders—Ray W. Chapman of Roundup; Harvey Lewis of Helena; Hugh McLaughlin of Helena; Frank Gallagher of Anaconda; John Thompson of Billings.

Committee on constitution—Robert Condon of Roundup; Charles Helms of Helena; W. E. DeLoach of Helena; T. P. Barrett of Great Falls. Committee on secretary's report—Nick Conzatti of Bear Creek; Sam Beckwith of Helena; James J. DeLoach of Helena; English of Harlowton; Charles Weloff of Livingston.

Committee on education—James Graham of Livingston; Leslie Schmidt of Helena; W. E. Bryan of Washoe; W. A. Ware of Great Falls; Robert Grant of Deer Lodge. Many Organizations Represented. Following are the organizations represented and the delegates present Thursday:

Known trades and labor assembly, F. A. Pattison; Helena T. & L. A. J. M. Johnson; Miles City Trades & Labor council, John Gray; Harlowton Trades & Labor council, C. K. Claxton; Butte council, W. F. Dunn; Bozeman council, J. A. McLain; Anaconda council, O. M. Beck; Great Falls council, W. E. DeLoach; Helena Trades & Labor council, C. Weiff; Roundup council, Walter Smeethurst.

Great Falls barbers, Louie Lawson; Great Falls state employes, Charles Helms; Helena barbers, Earl Stewart; Helena barbers, R. F. Murphy; Butte engineers, J. C. Whitley; James Snell, Patrick DeLoach; Butte street car men, Newell Evans; Great Falls street car men, A. P. Cameron; Milwaukee O. R. T. W. H. Hogan; Great Falls boot and shoe workers, Robert Eastman; Livingston boiler makers, Charles Anderson; Great Falls blacksmiths, John Wilcox; Helena cooks and waiters, Frank Price; Great Falls painters, William Walker; Great Falls plasterers, J. E. Winsby; Great Falls plumbers, L. N. Thorp; Butte printers, John Green; Great Falls printers, Robert Eastman; Helena painters, W. J. Deal; Great Falls teamsters, R. A. Alexander; Butte teamsters, Hugh McLaughlin; Great Falls boot and shoe workers, Charles Helms; Billings building laborers, John Thompson; P. J. Duggan; Helena building laborers, James Anderson, William Simpson.

James Joy of Missoula. Missoula B. R. C. of A. James Joy; Deer Lodge, Robert Guest; Great Falls, M. H. Holler, J. G. Spence, A. E. Kingsbury; Roundup miners, Edward Davis; Helena miners, S. S. Klein miners, Leonard Farnell, James Hunter; Washoe miners, D. C. Bryant; Bear Creek miners, H. Roscoe; Roundup miners, B. H. Pearson; Great Falls operating engineers, William Zorse.

Bear Creek miners, Nick Conzatti; James Scott, Charles Gildes; Stockett miners, Harvey Leslie; Red Lodge miners, O. Halverson, John Metcalf; (Continued on Page Eleven).

APHORISMS

From Uncle Sam Hampton's Speech.

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You don't have to be a millionaire to be a fool.

I am a co-operator. But I don't like to see the other fellow be the "coo" while I am the "operator."

If you must, it's all right to disagree, and in disagreeing, disagree in opinion and not in feeling.

I'm not here to talk politics, but I can't refrain from saying that I believe the railroads are killing the goose that laid the golden egg. The more they charge, the less they make.

I hear some criticism in Great Falls because of the Federal act striking for \$5.50 per day while engaged in some of the city's work. My God! Give 'em the extra 50 cents, they'll have it spent before they go to bed.

I am an expansionist. I told my wife the other day that if she knew where she could get any money to get it and go down to the store and spend it. It will make better times.

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BOTTOMLY URGES ACTIVITY IN NORTHERN OIL FIELD

Special to The Tribune. Y. Bottomly, president of the Harmon Commercial club, returned Tuesday from a business trip to Winnet and Lawistown, where he visited the oil fields. He came home very much enthused about the oil situation and declared that everything possible should be done to push the oil development work in this country.

"The minimum wage bill was introduced in the House of Representatives by Goodland to create the office of field industrial relations in the state for the purpose of providing a minimum wage for women and minors in the various industrial establishments in conformity with the standard of living rates in the more advanced states where those establishments are located.

"An old age pension bill, sponsored by the International Union of the United Mine Workers, was introduced in the House and passed by committee. Similar was the fate of the bill regulating the length of trains. This bill, as well as the full train crew bill and the car shed bill are sponsored by the railroads. The latter two bills are in the hands of the committee.

"The industrial court bill which was patterned after the Kansas law creating a court of industrial relations was killed in committee. No. 37, apparently harmless, seeking to amend the state to compel parties to a contract providing for arbitration to carry it out, by its ambiguous language, contains elements of danger to establish compulsory arbitration in industrial disputes. The bill is in hands of the labor committee. It should be condemned by this convention and the committee on labor notified immediately of the committee's action.

The Anti-Picketing Bill. "An anti-picketing bill is introduced in the house by General Warren of Butte, a tool of the associated industries. Should the legislature enact it into law it will be a savage injunction upon organized labor. The bill is not more or less than a sweeping injunction which generally the courts in the past have refused to issue during time of strikes. It seeks to sanction the lawless course which judges have pursued in issuing injunctions in service of the employers. The bill provides for the removal of the names of the picketers from the rolls of rights guaranteed to every citizen by the constitution of the United States. The bill is inimical to true democracy and to the rights of the citizen. It has been and still is in the hands of the committee on corporations and should be denounced by this convention. A hearing was held on this bill but it has not been reported to the floor in this matter.

The Press. "The delegates to the last convention, feeling the necessity for press to speak in their defence, endorsed the article in the Butte Bulletin, the piece of this organization. The federation does not subscribe in toto to the views expounded in the Bulletin, which has fostered under the guise of free press, the propaganda of the organizations bent to destroy our movement.

"Therefore, I do recommend that this convention endorse no paper unless it is controlled by our organization or owned directly by our organization.

Cooperation With Farmers. "Last year the farmers were in great need of credit to enable them to take care of their crops. Some of the banks in the state were willing to extend credit to the farmers, but the rates were very low and could not do it. An appeal was made to the affiliated local unions to deposit their surplus funds in the banks with the understanding that the deposits were to be used exclusively for loans to farmers, members of the Equity Farmers' union. Thus several thousands of dollars were placed at the disposal of the farmers.

Failed to Elect Candidates. "In accordance with the policy adopted at the last convention the majority of the workers collaborated with the farmers in support of the candidates who were chosen at the Farmers-Labor conference held in Great Falls during the end of the month of August. My advised criticism has been directed by the end of the conference has been swamped and dominated by the labor element. As a matter of fact the farmers were in the majority and the state of the candidates was the free choice of the delegation. It was a great occasion for the producers of the state to be able to pick out candidates, free from the domination of corporation control. We failed to elect our state candidates. Only a few senators and representatives were elected to the legislature.

"Misrepresentation, intimidation, coercion, financial and economic pressure were the weapons used by the Montana Development Association and the corporations in the State to compel the people to support the ticket of our enemies. The failure to elect our candidates was the result of our withdrawal as an orderly retreat from the fight. Our forces emerged from the struggle stronger than ever before. We may not be able for sometime to elect our own representatives to the legislature. "Nolan and Donovan, attorneys of Butte, presented our application to the supreme court of the state for a writ of mandamus against both state officers to compel the secretary of state to issue a certificate showing that the signatures to the initiative measure No. 17 were sufficient for the general election, and to compel Governor Stewart to issue the necessary proclamation to carry out the provisions of the law. The court denied the application and thus prevented the people from voting upon it. We have this opportunity to express our gratitude to Messrs Nolan and Donovan for their services in this matter.

"The initiative measure No. 17 is introduced at this legislative assembly without any hope of its passing. Under the caption of 'A State Sher-