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ALL SOCIETIES MADE INTO ONE

Farmers Form a New Organization

FOR MARKETING OF TOBACCO

"Farmers Tobacco Association" Is to Be Formed on February 2.

WERE IMPELLED INTO ACTION

The Owensboro Messenger of Sunday says:

All existing tobacco organizations were declared to be out of existence and a new organization of farmers created Saturday afternoon at the court house. The Green River Association, one of the oldest of the organizations, and the one that has maintained itself through all the various troubles that these institutions have passed through recently, had called a district meeting.

President W. G. Riney called the session to order. He immediately recognized Henry S. Berry, who offered the following resolutions for consideration:

"Whereas, the tobacco growers of the Green River section, being totally unorganized, are experiencing conditions that, if not remedied, will result in bankruptcy to the growers and general decline in all farm values:

"It was with a general feeling of skepticism that we were forced to accept the loose leaf floor system of selling tobacco. For the last two seasons all other ways of selling tobacco have been abandoned. The loose leaf system has been weighed and found woefully wanting. In the first place, practically all of the Green River district has been forced to come to Owensboro, thereby creating a great congestion. The loose leaf floors are crowded from day to day. Tobacco almost without exception, is selling at a price below the cost of production. The cost of selling, which the farmer must pay, is enormous. It now takes at least a week from the time the farmer puts his tobacco on the wagon at home, until he gets his check. Often during this delay, the farmer's tobacco damages in the basket on the loose leaf floor, thereby causing it to sell at a lower price on account of damage, caused by the slow process of the loose leaf floor. Practically all of the outlying receiving points are closed and these farmers are confronted with an enormous expense in marketing their tobacco. These conditions have become unbearable. Tobacco growing has become unprofitable. A cry has gone up over the land for relief, and that the tobacco growers get together in one compact organization. Therefore be it

Resolved, That appreciating our helpless, unorganized condition, and appreciating the fact that battling singly we are helpless, but organized into one body we are all powerful, a fact appreciated by the buying end; "Therefore, be it the sense of this body that we ask that all the old associations disband, terminate their existence as tobacco organizations, and let us turn this meeting into a mass meeting of tobacco growers. Let us proceed to organize, to elect a temporary chairman and take steps to form a new organization for the handling of the tobacco grown in the Green River district."

Short discussion of Mr. Berry's resolution was had by various persons present, when it was adopted by a rising vote. For a temporary chairman, Henry S. Berry was named and elected by the large number of farmers present.

Numerous names of men were suggested for temporary secretary, all of whom declined to serve. There was a general tendency on the part of those connected with any of the tobacco organizations to keep away from the office. The name of S. E. Berry was put in nomination. He also declined at first. He had at one time been a member of the A. S. of E., a tobacco organization in the employ of the American Tobacco Company.

Falling to secure a secretary Mr. Berry's name was again put in nomination and he was drafted into serving.

W. G. Riney, president of the Green River Tobacco Growers' Association, following the adoption of Mr. Berry's resolution, made a statement in which he endorsed the action of the mass meeting. He said that the Green River was at present heartily in favor of forming a major organization, and it stood ready to turn over to it what money the Green River had in its treasury.

R. H. Ford, who was recently elected president of the Green River, to succeed Mr. Riney to take office on April 1, indorsed this action of Mr. Riney fully. Out of the 500 farmers present at the meeting there were men present from all parts of Daviess county and men who had formerly belonged to all tobacco organizations.

Chairman Berry asked the farmers present to extend to all of the officers of all former organizations a rising vote of thanks for their work. This was done amid cheers.

The new organization, by a unanimous vote of those at the convention, was given the name of the Farmers' Tobacco Association. Following, short talks by L. N. Robertson, leading Equity representative; John Potts, of Thurston; P. D. Maddox, of Livia; Esquire J. W. Ware, of Whitesville; W. R. Griffith, of Brown's Valley, Chairman Berry was empowered to name a committee of farmers to formulate by-laws and constitution, to be presented at a meeting to be held on February 2 next, to be held at Owensboro at 10 o'clock in the morning at the court house, for the purpose of forming a permanent organization. He appointed I. C. Winstead, S. R. Ewing, Fred Burns, Ben Head and S. B. Lee, Mr. Berry is ex-officio a member.

Resolutions Adopted.
The following was offered as a resolution and adopted without dissent:

First—Name, The Farmers' Tobacco Association.

Second—Members, all tobacco growers in the Green River district, who obligate themselves to pool or to have their tobacco controlled by a representative committee, elected by the tobacco growers of the district.

Third—Officers, The association shall have a president, vice president, secretary-treasurer and a board of control, to be elected in a way the by-laws provide.

Fourth—By-laws, prescribing the duties of officers and members and workings of this association shall be made and accepted in a way hereafter provided for.

Fifth—The purpose of the association is to co-operate in selling tobacco and to protect its members from the concentrated buying interests and to open marketing places throughout the district, and to advance the interests of its members financially, morally and socially.

Sixth—It shall be the further duty of this association to abide by the laws of this Commonwealth and to assist the officers of the law to enforce same, thereby assuring all equal protection.

Seventh—That this convention now elect or appoint a committee on by-laws, the by-laws to be in accord with these resolutions, and to call a meeting to adopt, amend or reject same, said meeting to be in Owensboro, not later than February 2, 1916, asking the several counties to send delegates.

Eighth—There should be some plan for a schoolhouse organization with officers.

Buyers Mühlenberg Pool.

Greenville, Ky., Jan. 22.—W. M. Martin, a local tobaccoist, this week closed a deal with the Mühlenberg County Society of Equity by which he became the purchaser of the pooled crop of tobacco. It is estimated that there are 2,200,000 pounds of the weed in the pool and while the price will depend on the grades, there is a guaranteed price of an average of 5 cents all around. This is half a cent less than the market for last year. Deliveries will begin at once.

Gizzard Full of Wealth.

Princeton, Ind., Jan. 24.—This community has produced something better than the goose that laid the golden eggs, in a hen belonging to George Tichenor, which was an industrious scratcher and layer, but would eat eggs. The family decided to eat her. In the gizzard fifteen inches of gold chain, a diamond ring valued at \$125 and a pearl were found.

WILSON IS TO TOUR COUNTRY

And Speak On National Preparedness.

HE IS TO LEAVE WASHINGTON

Next Friday Night, January 28, and Will Return February 4.

HE MAY COME TO KENTUCKY

Washington, Jan. 21.—Final plans for President Wilson's forthcoming trip through the Middle West to speak on national preparedness, approved to-night, include stops at Pittsburg, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Chicago, Des Moines, Topeka and Kansas City. A tentative itinerary drawn up included St. Louis, St. Joseph and Davenport, but these cities have been eliminated and Milwaukee and Topeka substituted.

On his Middle Western trip the President will leave Washington Friday night, January 28, and will return February 4 in time for the judicial dinner at the White House. He will speak at a day meeting in Pittsburg January 29; in Cleveland the same night; at a day meeting in Milwaukee, January 31; in Chicago at night; at a night meeting in Des Moines, February 1; at a day meeting in Topeka, February 2, and in Kansas City the same night. He will spend Sunday, January 30, in Cleveland.

In addition to the formal addresses in these seven cities, the President is expected to speak briefly at several cities and towns through which his train will pass. The national defense plans of the Administration will be his principal topic, but he probably will take up other subjects, including the European and Mexican situations.

The President sent to the War and Navy departments to-day for information concerning the army and navy to be used in the preparation of his speeches.

As soon as the President finally approved the itinerary to-night messages were sent the friends and organizations extending the invitations to the cities chosen and preparations were begun immediately for the series of meetings. In most of the cities business associations will arrange the meetings. If present plans are carried out, no members of the Cabinet will accompany the President.

In the President's second trip, about the middle of February, in addition to going as far West as Denver, he is expected to visit several Southern cities, including probably Birmingham, and at least one point in North Carolina.

Hopes To Visit Kentucky.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Representative Swager Sherley, a caller at the White House this morning, urged President Wilson to deliver one of his national preparedness speeches at Louisville next month. He told the President the Board of Trade and the Chamber of Commerce of Louisville hope he may find it convenient to visit Kentucky in the near future.

The President assured Mr. Sherley that he appreciated the invitation and that if possible he will include Louisville in the itinerary of one of his proposed trips. In the event the President accepts the invitation Senator James and Mr. Sherley are planning to accompany him to Louisville.

Going Before Public.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The President is giving polite notice to Congress that he is ready for a test of strength with it before the people. In a letter to Chairman Carter Glass, of the House Banking and Currency Committee, declining an invitation extended by Mr. Glass in behalf of the Congressman's city, Lynchburg, Va., to deliver an address there before a State charities convention, the President says:

"It goes mighty hard to say that I cannot respond affirmatively to the very attractive invitation to visit Lynchburg, but I want frankly to tell you just why it seems to me impossible. I do not think that Congress quite realizes the genuine demand of the country for an adequate plan of preparation for national de-

fense. I feel that it is my duty to explain this matter to the country and summon its support, and that I ought to devote my whole energy without turning aside to the business of this session in which I wish to be of assistance in every possible and legitimate way."

AMERICANS TORTURED BY MEXICAN BANDITS

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 22.—The bodies of the victims of the Santa Ysabel massacre, which took place January 16, were horribly mutilated, and several must have suffered terribly before death put an end to their tortures, according to a detailed report of Dr. P. E. Miller, of El Paso.

Dr. Miller made an examination of each body to determine ante and post mortem wounds and causes of death. The report was made to a representative of the State Department. The report shows that some of the victims were shot many times, even after death. Soft-nosed bullets made terrible wounds.

Several of the men were stabbed or slashed with sabers or machetes, both before and after they died. Sword bayonets also were used by the bandits, C. R. Watson, the leader of the mining men, being thrust through the body after death, and Alexander Hall dying of a bayonet stab in the neck.

In at least four cases the Americans were clubbed and beaten with a crowbar or rifle barrel.

BIBLICAL HISTORY CITY CAPTURED BY RUSSIANS

London, Jan. 22.—Hamadan, which the Russian army operating in Persia has occupied, figures in Biblical as well as early Grecian history. It was the ancient Ecbatana, the treasure city captured and plundered by Alexander the Great, and it appears in the Book of Esther as Shushan, where Ahasuerus, who "reigned from India even into Ethiopia," gave way to the caprices of Vashti and was induced to relent by the attraction of Esther.

At Hamadan pious Jews still point out the tombs of Mordecai and Esther, which stand in a wooden-domed building in the center of the town. There is no doubt that the two wooden sarcophagi shown there are ancient, but there is some question of their being what tradition ascribes. They bear Hebrew inscriptions, one said to be of A. D. 557 and the other 841 A. D. Near the city a large mound is pointed out as the site of the palace of Ahasuerus. A crudely carved lion, on the site, is the subject of much legend also.

Five miles from Hamadan, in a mountain gorge, is a famous stone with inscriptions in the Persian, Median and Babylonian languages, which seems to have been placed there by Xerxes. These inscriptions supplied the key that enabled the cuneiform inscriptions at Nineveh to be deciphered. The natives believe treasure lies buried under the stone.

A COUNTERFEIT \$5 NOTE IN CIRCULATION

Local banks and money handlers in general are in receipt of information that the United States Government has announced the discovery of a new counterfeit \$5 national bank note. Its description is as follows: It is on the Wallace National Bank, Wallace, Idaho; series of 1902-1908; check letter omitted; charter number 9134; bank number 1757; treasury number M216698A; portrait of Benjamin Harrison.

The counterfeit is said to have been issued from poorly executed zinc etched plates on two pieces of paper between which a few silk threads have been distributed. A more detailed description of the counterfeit is unnecessary, as it is so poorly executed as to be readily detected.

Insured Americans Killed.

That many Americans have lost their lives in the European war is shown by the seventy-first annual report published by the New York Life Insurance Company. During last year 409 policy holders were killed on field of battle; 448 were killed by accident, which includes Lusitania losses; 707 died of cancer; 772 died of pneumonia, and 950 died of tuberculosis.

New Postmaster At Equality.

Washington, Jan. 22.—John T. Morton has been appointed a fourth-class postmaster at Equality, Ohio county, Ky., vice Harry B. Brown, resigned.

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MEXICANS KILL KENTUCKY MAN

While He Was Doing a Friendly Errand.

A VICTIM OF CATTLE THIEVES

Had Crossed the Border Unarmed To Locate a Widow's Stolen Cattle.

BODY RECOVERED FOR BURIAL

El Paso, Jan. 22.—Bernardo and Federico Duran, Mexican cattle thieves, have confessed to the killing of Bert Akers, a Kentuckian, yesterday at San Lorenzo, Chihuahua, just below the boundary line, and will be executed to-morrow morning, according to an announcement made to-night by Andreas Garcia, Mexican Consul here.

"The Durans confessed their crime, were sentenced to death to-day and a firing squad will execute the penalty," said Mr. Garcia.

Akers was shot and killed by the Mexicans yesterday near San Lorenzo, Chihuahua, a few miles south of the border, whether he had gone with Douglas Downs, another American, and Juan Barros, a Mexican detective, to recover some stolen cattle. Downs escaped and brought news of Akers' death to the border.

Bert L. Akers' body was brought to this side of the river this afternoon for burial. He came here recently from Horse Cave, Ky., and purchased one of the finest dairy and alfalfa farms in the lower Rio Grande Valley. He had stocked it with blooded cattle and had recently built a farmhouse on it for himself and family. He was a neighbor of Gen. Felipe Angeles, the famous Villa General of artillery, who also has a big dairy in the Rio Grande Valley.

Akers was killed while doing a gratuitous service for a widow, Mrs. M. Murphy, who lived adjoining his place. Her milk cows had been stolen and Akers offered to go across and locate them. Unarmed, he went to the Mexican side after noon with Downs and was shot down as he approached the home of the Duran gang of bandits. Downs escaped by hiding in the brush.

Father Gets Message.

Horse Cave, Ky., Jan. 22.—Bert Akers, who was slain on the Mexican border yesterday, was a son of P. B. Akers, a prominent farmer near this place. Young Akers went to Mexico seven years ago from his home here and is 28 years of age. His father received a telegram of the killing this afternoon and immediately wired for full particulars. The Akers are well known throughout this section of the State. Bert Akers was a young man who had a reputation of being quiet and industrious. The news of his tragic death has caused much feeling throughout Hart and Warren counties.

Murder Avenged.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 23.—Bernardo and Federico Duran, the Mexican cattle thieves condemned to die by the Carranza authorities for the killing of Bert Akers, a Kentuckian, at San Lorenzo, a few miles below the international boundary, Friday, were executed at daylight in the cemetery at Juarez. The body of Akers was interred here late to-day.

The Duran brothers died cursing Americans. Bernardo appealed for mercy on behalf of his brother, Federico.

"It is unjust to kill two of us for one American," he said. "It is giving two eyes for one tooth. I am willing to die, because I killed the Gringo, but my brother ought to be allowed to live."

The bullets of the firing squad killed Federico, but Bernardo was still conscious after he fell and the officers commanding the firing squad gave him the "mercy shot" through the head.

Calhoun To the Rescue.

The people of Calhoun came to the rescue of the flood-stricken citizens at Rumsey Wednesday morning when a donation of \$200 was made up within a short time, after it became a settled fact that there was no exaggeration of the reported need of our neighbors across Green River. Capt. W. G. Houghland has

charge of the fund, which will be used in purchasing supplies, etc.

A barge of coal was started from Evansville Wednesday for Rumsey, under order of County Clerk John R. Priest. It was believed that the approach of warmer weather would thaw out the large ice floes over much of the country in distress about Rumsey, and allow provisions to be taken to the marooned people much more easily.—[Cathoon Star.

POSSUM HUNTERS GET FIVE-YEAR SENTENCES

Greenville, Ky., Jan. 22.—The Muhlenberg Circuit Court adjourned Friday until Monday, having caught up with the docket. Before court adjourned, however, sentence was passed upon O. R. Knight, Edgar Knight and George Stirsman, convicted of banding and confederating together, each being sentenced to serve not less than four years and 264 days and not more than five years. Each when sentenced protested his innocence and Stirsman gave as an additional reason as to why he should not be sentenced that he had a wife and two small children who needed his assistance. The court remarked that none of the reasons given was valid and sentence was pronounced.

Nelson Price was also sentenced from two to five years for robbery. Cam Myers, two years for horse stealing and Harry Scott, one year for housebreaking.

The grand jury adjourned yesterday after returning seventy-six indictments for various offenses. Thirty of these indictments charged violations of the liquor laws and about ten or twelve were against the Southern Express Company and the American Express Company, charged in the offense of furnishing liquors to minors. It is charged that they delivered on different occasions intra-State shipments of liquors to persons under twenty-one years of age.

WILL MAKE ALCOHOL FOR DYE-STUFF INDUSTRIES

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 22.—Announcement was made here that the Glenmore Distilleries Company, of Owensboro, of which James Thompson, of James Thompson & Bro., of Louisville, is President, shortly will embark in the manufacture of alcohol for use in the distillation of liquid dyes.

The demand for dyes for coloring yarns and all sorts of fabrics has been greatly increased by the European war since the importation of dyes from Germany has been cut off entirely, and it is said now the industry offers huge profits.

The Glenmore Company is installing special machinery and hopes to begin operations in March.

APPEAL TO WASHINGTON FOR FLOODED RUMSEY

Washington, Jan. 21.—Efforts to obtain relief for flood sufferers at Rumsey, Ky., where high water has driven residents from their homes and inundated the town, were made to-day by Representative D. H. Kincheloe, who received an appeal for aid from Glover Carey, of Calhoun, member of the Kentucky Legislature from McLean county. Mr. Kincheloe sought aid for his constituents at the War Department, but could obtain no relief, as the flood situation is of too local a nature. He then took up the matter with the American Red Cross.

France After Lumber.

New Orleans, Jan. 20.—The lumber industry of the United States is coming in for a share of the tremendous business stimulated by the war in Europe. The French Government is now asking bids for prices on 52,000,000 feet of Southern yellow pine for the erection of 10,000 houses, which the Government itself plans to erect in Northern France, immediately following the end of the war. The specifications demand that the lumber be so cut and prepared that the least amount of labor will be required in erecting the houses. These specifications include 40,000 window frames complete and 20,000 door frames. It is understood that the lumber is desired for immediate delivery.

Twenty-Six Mules At \$195.

Luke P. Hansbrough last Saturday purchased from Ralph Guthrie, of Shelby county, twenty-six head of 4-year-old mare mules for Jackson & Wins, of Atlanta, Ga., for \$195 each.—[Oldham Era.

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