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## HAS WONDERFUL RECORD.

**American Society of Equity Is the Most Powerful Farmer Organization In History of the Western Continent.**

## RECORD OF THINGS DONE STANDS WITHOUT WITHOUT AN EQUAL.

The record of what the American Society of Equity has done for its members, when compared with what other farmers' organizations have accomplished, is almost past belief to those who are skeptical about farmers' organizing and tick together for any good they desire.

Though the tobacco growers were the first of the membership to step forward and pledge and pool their crops, and though their success has been beyond the wildest dreams of the most enthusiastic leaders, yet the growers of some other crops who organized later came into the rewards of their work ahead of them.

For instance, Nelson went into the Dakotas and Minnesota in the summer of 1907 and from the day he landed and announced his campaign for "Dollar Wheat" (Chicago market), now a member that we have ever heard of has sold for less. Is this statement true or false. If it is not true we ask for a denial, for we do not wish to state other than the fact. We have no fear, however, that any will or can deny it, yet it is a statement that staggers belief, not among business men, who know the power of organized action, but among us farmers who are new to the idea that we can do something for ourselves, if we try.

The peanut growers of Virginia and North Carolina made very good progress at organization in 1906, and while there was a bumper crop and prices would have, under unorganized conditions, sold for only two to two and a half cents a pound, they reaped a substantial advance at once. They caught the buyers napping, but in 1907 they became demoralized and fell down. We need good organizers to go at once to that promising field.

Before being organized into Equity the bean growers of Michigan were only receiving one dollar a bushel for their navy beans. From the day of only a moderate organization they have received no less than one dollar and fifty cents a bushel. Organizers are

going there immediately.

The record for ten years in the potato section of Wisconsin before the American Society of Equity was organized shows that the average price the farmers received was a fraction less than twenty-nine cents a bushel. Since the society of Equity was organized shows that only in rare instances which was when the members were misinformed go to the situation, have they received less than fifty cents a bushel. There is no danger that they will fall below fifty cents in the future.

The records of the pea growers in the northeastern part of Wisconsin shows that prior to organization into the American Society of Equity they received only but one dollar a bushel, but since organization they do not receive less than two dollars a bushel. At the same time the price to the consumer has fallen. This was one of the instances where a gang of speculators had a small section of the country under their heels most shamefully. Door county, Wisconsin, now is better organized than any other county in the United States. Four out of every five farmers in the county belong to the Society.

The record of the Society's work among the tobacco growers reads like a romance. In the burley district of Kentucky they were selling good crops for less than five cents a pound. Now those same farmers, by the aid of the Society, are receiving from seventeen to twenty cents a pound. The success in the other Kentucky districts is almost as pronounced as in the burley section. The extra money the A. S. of E. has put into the pockets of its members in the State of Ky., alone amounts to the wonderfully great sum of more than fifty million of dollars. It is almost past belief, but it is a true statement.

The tobacco growers of Wisconsin were receiving at out six cents a pound on the average for tobacco before the A. S. of E. took hold. They are now receiving an average of more than

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twelve cents. They have not only the best organized methods, but they have one of the best managers in the entire country to lead them forward in their great work.

After experimenting two years in a small way by local wool pools and securing an advance of from five to six cents a pound more than the open market yielded the unorganized farmer, the wool growers of Wisconsin organized a Wool District Union and have the situation well in hand, with the certainty of doing even better than by their local pools.

Not only the above in the way of making, but in the matter of certain purchases many of the local unions have pooled their buying where the local merchants did not have the facilities to handle the matter. These purchases were chiefly of binder twine, coal, flour and feed, apples and machinery by the car lots.

The Equity Farmers of Wisconsin bought direct from the Equity members in New York last fall eight carloads of apples, and such was the demand that a hundred cars could have been handled if the apples could have been obtained. The New York farmers received sixty cents more on each barrel of apples and the Wisconsin members bought for one dollar a barrel less.

Another move, the inspiration of which lay in local conditions which demanded action, has been the establishing of grain depots in certain towns in

certain towns in the Northwest, which has yielded excellent profits to the members.

Another move, the result of the confidence of those who have received ample evidence of our ability to do things by better prices for what they have sold, is the inauguration of the movement to build terminal warehouses of large capacity to receive, store and re-ship as the market needs the surplus grain of the Northwest. These enterprises are under way and will certainly go through as planned. The moneyed members are behind it and the money is at command without begging for it. It is offered. No one but A. S. of E. members can have hand in it. This paragraph, being a mention of things desired, does not properly belong to this statement of things accomplished, but it is interesting as showing the way in which one success leads to greater confidence and the starting of other kindred enterprises as additional benefits to our members not held out as inducements to become members.

The American Society of Equity is the most powerful farmer organization in the history of the western continent. It has at the present time more A. S. of E. members in the National legislative halls than all other organizations of farmers combined ever had—men who are open in their avowal of being members and advocating movement on the floors of the House of Representatives and the United States Senate.

The day is at hand and the hour has come when every American farmer should register his loyalty to the uplifting of farm life and the betterment of the conditions surrounding the tillers of the soil by joining this greatest of all movements.

Organization is all that is lacking. We have the brains, the honesty and the power to force better conditions upon the farms of this nation if we will but use them. From fifteen to forty per cent, more than under old conditions are easily obtainable, while the prices to the consumer will in a majority of instances be reduced by the same per cents.

The above records of things done stands without a parallel in the history of farmers' organizations. It is not a showing of things desired, but a record of things accomplished.

What has been done proves the correctness of the theory of the power of controlled marketing to bring profitable prices for all products of the farm.

### CALL MEETING OF THE CRITTENDEN CO., UNION.

A call meeting of the Crittenden county Union to be held, May 8th, at Marion, at 10 a. m., to attend to very important business. Let every local be represented and every union man in the county be present to hear the speech of Hon. R. L. Barnett. The public is cordially invited to attend.  
REV. R. B. JOHNSON, Co. Pres.

## READ; TOBACCO TIDINGS.

**Extracts From Speech of Hon. A. O. Stanley In Lower House of Congress.—Wool Growers Organize at Elizabethtown.**

## HON. BEN WATSON OF WEBSTER COUNTY ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Not one citizen—farmer or other—in five hundred clearly understands the oppression wrought to farmers by the provisions of the tobacco tax. And yet every farmer should clearly understand the privileges (none—partially speaking) and the penalties (plenty) as defined by the tax law.

To present the matter clearly and authoritatively I reproduce an extract from a speech, of quite recent utterance, in the lower House of Congress by the Hon. A. O. Stanley:

"Mr. Chairman, for many years there has been concealed a joker in your tariff bills. There is a provision today in the revenue law providing that tobacco in the hand, just as the farmer raises it, without any process of manufacture at all, just as it came from the stalk, is manufactured tobacco and subject to an internal revenue tax of six cents a pound, until you get enough of those leaves together, unmanufactured in any way, to amount to 2,000 pounds and to fill a hoghead, and then it is tobacco in the natural leaf and can be sold by whoever purchases or whoever wants it. Both in the hands of the vendee and in the hands of the vendor it is absolutely free from tax, but the man who raises that tobacco cannot sell it in small quantities unless he sells it to some manufacturer or broker. The result is that the tobacco that is raised must go through this so-called process of manufacture. Now, for the purpose of smoking, pipe tobacco, the natural leaf is not improved by manufacture, and the manufacturers before the finance committee of the Senate all admit that today the greater problem they have to confront them is how to make their tobacco as much like the natural leaf as possible. They admit that the cost of manufacturing is not half a cent a pound, is sold at from 25 to 30 cents a pound to the very man that raises it.

"If the six cent tax did not exist and

there was no law preventing the farmer from selling his tobacco in the hand, one concern in Tennessee authorizes me to make the statement that it could handle ten thousand hogheads of the farmers' tobacco for which they could find a sale at home, that they could ship it by the hundred pounds wrapped up in bales to the saw mills in Missouri in Louisiana and in Mississippi, and that they could sell it in small quantities in the same way all over the South. As it is, the only sale we have for our tobacco, the only purchaser of 95 per cent, of it, is the Regie and American Tobacco Company. The only force the one agency that demands its inexorable ultimatum of the Republican party that this tax shall remain, is the tobacco trust, and I call upon you here today to let us have a vote and to let us see who are with the people and who are with the trust."

The wool growers of Kentucky held a meeting at Elizabethtown yesterday, April 15, and formed a Kentucky Wool Growers' Union. As will be seen from the following dispatch, that veteran Equity man, the Hon. Ben Watson, of Webster county, was elected President.

I sincerely hope all the wool growers throughout Southwestern Kentucky, and more especially those Equity members who reside in the five counties of the Stemming District, will get right behind President Watson, a man of unquestioned honor and integrity, and all co-operate in the sale of pooled wool.

Elizabethtown, Ky., April 15.—As an adjunct to the State Society of Equity, Kentucky Wool Growers' Union No. 2 was formed here today. It will ask 1 per cent, marketing commission on wool sales and two per cent. on lambs and mutton. The officers are Ben Watson, Webster county, president; E. L. Mann, Kenton county, vice-president; and Silas Stevens, Ohio county, secretary and treasurer.

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