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RATE INCREASE NECESSARY

FARMERS' UNION OFFICIALS THINK RAILROADS ARE ENTITLED TO MORE REVENUE.

Products of Plow and Farmer Who Lives at Home Should Be Exempt From Increase.

By Peter Radford, Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The recent action of the Interstate Commerce Commission in granting an increase in freight rates in the eastern classification of territory; the application of the roads by state and interstate commissions for an increase in rates, and the utterances of President Wilson on the subject bring the farmers of this nation face to face with the problem of an increase in freight rates. It is the policy of the Farmers' Union to meet the issues affecting the welfare of the farmers squarely and we will do so in this instance.

The transportation facilities of the United States are inadequate to effectively meet the demands of commerce and particularly in the South and West additional railway mileage is needed to accommodate the movement of farm products. If in the wisdom of our Railroad Commissions an increase in freight rates is necessary to bring about an improvement in our transportation service, and an extension of our mileage, then an increase should be granted and the farmer is willing to share such proportion of the increase as justly belongs to him, but we have some suggestions to make as to the manner in which this increase shall be levied.

Rates Follow Lines of Least Resistance.

The freight rates of the nation have been built up along lines of least resistance. The merchant, the manufacturer, the miner, the farmer have had their respective bureaus thoroughly organized and in many instances they have pursued the railroad without mercy and with the power of organized tonnage they have hammered the life out of the rates and with unrestrained greed they have eaten the vitals out of our transportation system and since we have had railroad commissions, these interests, with skill and cunning, are represented at every hearing in which their business is involved.

The farmer is seldom represented at rate hearings as his organizations have never had the finances to employ counsel to develop his side of the case and as a result, the products of the plow bear an unequal burden of the freight expense.

What is a Fair Rate?

We do not know what constitutes a basis for rate making and have never heard of anyone who did claim to know much about it, but if the prosperity of the farm is a factor to be considered and the railroad commission concludes that an increase in rates is necessary, we would prefer that it come to us through articles of consumption on their journey from the factory to the farm. We would, for example, prefer that the rate on hogs remain as at present and the rate on meat bear the increase, for any farmer can then avoid the burden by raising his own meat, and a farmer who will not try to raise his own meat ought to be penalized. We think the rate on coal and brick can much better bear an increase than the rate on cotton and flour. We would prefer that the rate on plows remain the same, and machinery, pianos and such articles as the poorer farmer cannot hope to possess bear the burden of increase.

The increase in rates should be so arranged that the farmer who lives at home will bear no part of the burden, but let the farmer who boards in other states and countries and who feeds his stock in foreign lands, pay the price of his folly.

THE COUNTY FAIR

By Peter Radford, Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The farmer gets more out of the fair than anyone else. The fair to a city man is an entertainment; to a farmer it is education. Let us take a stroll through the fair grounds and linger a moment at a few of the points of greatest interest. We will first visit the mechanical department and hold communion with the world's greatest thinkers.

You are now attending a congress of the mental giants in mechanical science of all ages. They are addressing you in tongues of iron and steel and in language terse and powerful tell an eloquent story of the world's progress. The inventive geniuses are the most valuable farm hands we have and they perform an enduring service to mankind. We can all help others for a brief period while we live; but it takes a master mind to tower into the realm of science and light a torch of progress that will illuminate the pathway of civilization for future generations. The men who gave us the sickle, the binder, the cotton gin and hundreds of other valuable inventions work in every field on earth and will continue their labors as long as time. Their bright intellects have conquered death and they will live and serve mankind on and on forever, without money and without price. They have shown us how grand and noble it is to work for others; they have also taught us lessons in economy and efficiency, how to make one hour do the work of two or more; have lengthened our lives, multiplied our opportunities and taken toil off the back of humanity.

They are the most practical men the world ever produced. Their inventions have stood the acid test of utility and efficiency. Like all useful men, they do not seek publicity, yet millions of machines and their praises from every harvest field on earth and as many plows turn the soil in mute praise of their marvelous achievements.

FARMER RADFORD ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

The home is the greatest contribution of women to the world, and the hearthstone is her throne. Our social structure is built around her, and social righteousness is in her charge. Her beautiful life lights the skies of hope and her refinement is the charm of twentieth century civilization. Her graces and her power are the cumulative products of generations of queenly conquest, and her crown of exalted womanhood is jeweled with the wisdom of saintly mothers. She has been a great factor in the glory of our country, and her noble achievements should not be marred or her hallowed influence blighted by the coarser duties of citizenship. American chivalry should never permit her to bear the burdens of defending and maintaining government, but should preserve her unscathed from the allied influences of politics, and protect her from the weighty responsibilities of the sordid affairs of life that will crush her ideals and lower her standards. The motherhood of the farm is our inspiration, she is the guardian of our domestic welfare and a guide to a higher life, but directing the affairs of government is not within woman's sphere, and political gossip would cause her to neglect the home, forget to mend our clothes and burn the biscuits.

RURAL SOCIAL CENTERS.

We need social centers where our young people can be entertained, amused and instructed under the direction of cultured, clean and competent leadership, where aesthetic surroundings stir the love for the beautiful, where art charges the atmosphere with inspiration and power and innocent amusements instruct and brighten their lives.

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THE RURAL PRESS

The Local Paper a Most Useful Agency on the Farm—The Press, Pulpit and School a Trinity of Influence That Must Be Utilized in Building Agriculture.

By Peter Radford, Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

A broad campaign of publicity on the subject of rural life is needed in this state today to bring the problems of the farmers to the forefront. The city problems are blazoned upon the front pages of the metropolitan dailies and echoed in the country press, but the troubles of the farmers are seldom told, except by those who seek to profit by the story, and the glitter of the package oftentimes obscures the substance. A searching investigation into the needs of the farmers will reveal many inherent defects in our economic system that can be easily remedied when properly understood and illuminated by the power of the press.

The rural press, the pulpit and the school are a trinity of powerful influences that the farmer must utilize to their fullest capacity before he can occupy a commanding position in public affairs. These gigantic agencies are organized in every rural community and only await the patronage and co-operation of the farmers to fully develop their energy and usefulness. They are local forces working for the best interests of their communities. Their work is to build and their object is to serve. They prosper only through the development and prosperity of the community. Every farmer in this state should subscribe for the local paper, as well as farm periodicals and such other publications as he may find profitable, but he should by all means subscribe for his local paper, and no home should be without it. The local paper is part of the community life and the editor understands the farmer's problems.

A Noble Task.

In too many instances the country papers mimic the city press by giving prominence to scandals, accidents and political agitation. The new rural civilization has placed upon the rural press renewed responsibilities, and enlarged possibilities for usefulness. It cannot perform its mission to agriculture by recording the frailties, the mishaps and inordinate ambitions of humanity, or by filling its columns with the echoes of the struggles of busy streets, or by enchanting stories of city life which lure our children from the farm. It has a higher and nobler task. The rural press is the governing power of public sentiment and must hold steadfast to principle and keep the ship of state in the roadstead of progress. The rural press can best serve the interests of the farmers by applying its energies to the solution of problems affecting the local community. It must stem the mighty life current that is moving from the farm to the cities, sweeping before it a thousand boys and girls per day. It has to deal with the fundamental problems of civilization at their fountain head. Its mission is to direct growth, teach efficiency and mold the intellectual life of the country, placing before the public the daily problems of the farmers and giving first attention to the legislative, co-operative, educational and social needs of the agricultural classes within its respective community.

The Power of Advertising.

The influence of advertising is clearly visible in the homes and habits of the farmers, and the advertising columns of the press are making their imprint upon the lives of our people. The farmer is entitled to all the advantages and deserves all the luxuries of life. We need more art, science and useful facilities on the farms, and the advertiser can render a service by teaching the advantages of modern equipment throughout the columns of the rural press.

Dangers of a Cold.

Do you know that of all the minor ailments colds are by far the most dangerous? It is not the cold itself that you need to fear, but the serious diseases that they so often lead to. For that reason every cold should be gotten rid of with the least possible delay. To accomplish this you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy of great help to you. It loosens a cold, soothes the lungs, aids expectoration and strengthens the system to throw off the cold. For sale by all druggists.

Sheriff's Sale

Sam Caspari vs. J. A. Mann 11 D. C. No. 14990

By virtue of a writ of fi fa issued in the above case, I, J. W. Payne have seized and will offer for sale at public auction at the residence of Deft. near Powhatan, at 12 o'clock m., SATURDAY JANUARY 23rd, 1915 the following property: 2 Red heifers, 1 Black cow, 2 Red Muly Cows, 1 Dun Cow, 2 Red calves, 1 roan calf, 1 black mare, 1 bay colt, 50 bushels corn more or less, 7 tons loose hay, 1 sow, 7 shoats, 3 cultivators 2 double shovels, 1 sweep, 8 hoes, 1 wagon. Terms of Sale—CASH subject to appraisal. J. W. PAYNE, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Sale

J. C. Carnahan vs. Sam Brooks.

By virtue of a writ of fi fa issued in the above entitled cause, of date Nov. 1st, 1914, to me directed, I, J. W. Payne, Sheriff of the Parish of Natchitoches, did seize and take into my possession, and will offer for sale, at the principal front door of the Court House in the city of Natchitoches, La., on SATURDAY, JANUARY 23rd, 1915, at 12 o'clock m., the following described movable property, seized as the property of the defendant, to-wit: Four and a half bales of cotton, more or less, in the seed. Terms of sale—Cash, with benefit of appraisal. (Signed) J. W. PAYNE, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Sale

J. C. Carnahan vs. Paul Emanuel.

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Certificate of Announcements.

This is to certify that the following persons have filed their announcements as Candidates for Representative in the Legislature for Nomination at the Democratic Primary Election to be held on THURSDAY JANUARY 14th 1915: JESSIE FLETCHER, JAMES P. GUILLOT, PAUL M. POTTS. And that HENRY RUSSELL of Ward 7 being the only candidate filing an announcement for Membership of the Parish Democratic Executive Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of C. A. Presley, is hereby declared the nominee to be elected at the Special Election on January 26th 1915. U. P. BREAZEALE, Secretary.

NOTICE!

MEETING DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Governor having ordered an Election to be held TUESDAY JANUARY 26th, 1915, to fill the vacancy in the representation from this Parish in the House of Representatives of the General Assembly caused by the death of the late lamented, Hon. Joseph C. Henry.

The Parish Democratic Executive Committee is hereby called to meet on WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30th, 1914, at the Court House to provide for the nomination of a Democratic Candidate to be voted for at said election. The time will be short and a full attendance of the Committee is urged. U. P. BREAZEALE

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