

PROGRAM W. C. T. U. CONVENTION

Thursday evening, Oct. 12.—Evangelistic services and board meeting. Opening Session, Friday Morning.

8:30—Consecration service, conducted by Mrs. N. E. Oliver, State Evangelist.

9:30—Convention called to order by the President, Mrs. A. C. McKinney. Song—"Give to the Winds Thy Fears." Scripture reading, Psalm 14: (Crusade Psalm). Prayer by Mrs. McKinney.

9:45—Organization. Appointment of Pages. Announcement of Committees.

10:00—Roll call by Mrs. Selma Pitman, State Recording Secretary. Reading of the minutes of Executive and Official Board meeting.

10:20—President's Report and Address.

11:00—Report of Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. D. Eglin.

11:30—Report of Treasurer, Mrs. E. M. Henning.

You Going To Do?

12:00—Noontide Prayer, Mrs. Kate E. Wilkins.

Friday Afternoon.

3:00—Devotional by Mrs. C. M. Bevil, Assistant State Evangelist.

3:30—Fraternal Greetings (15 minutes each). Anti-Saloon League. Prohibition League. Woman Suffrage Association. Sunday School Association.

4:15—Open discussion on "How to Interest the Sunday Schools in Temperance Teaching," led by Mrs. W. S. Norwood, Mrs. J. B. Lee, Mrs. T. D. Lipscomb.

4:40—"How to Interest the Public Schools in Scientific Temperance Teaching," Mrs. W. H. McHenry, Mrs. Dr. Faith, Mrs. D. Moore and others.

5:10—Announcements. Adjournment.

Friday Evening.

8:30—Meeting called to order by Mrs. Kate E. Wilkins, former State President. Devotional by Rev. Mr. Ferguson, pastor of the U. B. church.

8:15—Welcome by the children.

8:25—Welcome for the churches by Rev. Alonzo Early of Jennings.

8:40—Welcome for the city by Hon. George Hathaway.

8:50—Snapshots of Our Standing Army. 1st Company, "Soldiers in the Making." (Babies). 2nd Company, "Recruits." (L. T. L. Children) Play "The Cleaners." 3rd Company, "Called to Colors." (Young People) "Play Uncle Sam and Aunt Columbia" 4th Company, "In Active Service." (Adult Members of the W. C. T. U.) A Prohibition and Suffrage demonstration. 5th Company, "Veterans." (Grandmothers) Historical Poem. Collection speech by Master Ralph

Boym of Jennings. Doxology. Closing prayer and benediction by Rev. W. Wedig, pastor German Lutheran church.

Saturday Morning.

8:30—Devotional by Mrs. A. W. Stewart, Assistant State Evangelist.

9:00—Reading of Minutes.

9:10—Discussion, "The Effects of the Present War on the Prohibition Movement," led by Mrs. R. B. Knott, of Ruston.

9:30—Address, "Law Enforcement, or How to Deal With Our Legislators," Mr. Crow Girard of Lafayette.

10:00—"Law Enforcement," Mrs. Cass Moss of Winnfield.

10:10—"Temperance and Missions," by Mrs. Harvey Marshall.

10:20—"Benefits Derived from Federation," Mrs. Rhul Mouton.

10:30—Reports of Superintendents of Departments and general discussion of department work.

11:00—Song, "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah." Prayer by Mrs. A. C. Thomason of Vivian.

11:10—Election of officers.

12:00—Noontide Prayer, Mrs. I. L. McIntyre of Oil City.

Saturday Afternoon.

3:00—Devotional, Miss Mary Werlein of New Orleans.

3:15—Reports of State Workers, Mrs. H. A. Orcutt and Mrs. M. C. M. Jones.

3:40—Reports of District Presidents. 1st District, Mrs. A. F. Wright of Hammond. 2nd District, unorganized, represented by Crowley, Eunice and Lafayette. "Our Finances," Mrs. Joel Durham of Winnfield. 3rd District, Mrs. Letitia Fort. 4th District, Mrs. S. S. Godfrey. 5th District, Mrs. J. Howard Walker. Jefferson Davis Parish, Mrs. Camp of Jennings.

4:30—Plans for local work or Delegates' Hour. One plan to be presented by each delegate present.

5:00—Reports of committees. Reading of Minutes. Unfinished business. Adjournment.

Saturday Night.

8:00—Devotional by Rev. Mr. Voyles of the Baptist church.

8:15—Special music by Master Carleton Liddle and Miss Shirley Heichelheim.

8:30—Address—"Woman Suffrage" by Mrs. W. W. Van Meter of New Orleans.

9:00—Address by Rev. Mr. Christian, representing the A. S. L.

9:30—Song, "The Fight Is On, O! Christian Soldier."

9:40—"Prohibition by Woman Suffrage," Atty. J. O. Modisette.

10:10—Summary, by Mrs. W. H. McHenry, of Monroe, La.

10:30—Closing Prayer and Benediction by Rev. Mr. Hodgson, Pastor, M. E. church.

On Sunday morning delegates will visit the various Sunday schools and talk on Temperance, if invitations are offered.

Sunday Afternoon, 3:30

Meeting for young people and children, conducted by Miss Anna A. Gordon, President of the National W. C. T. U. Dedication of children and babies.

4:30—Memorial service conducted by Mrs. Kate E. Wilkins.

Sunday Evening.

7:30—Devotional by R. H. Flowers, Pastor of M. E. Church, South. Special music by Male Chorus of Jennings.

8:00—Address by Miss Anna A. Gordon, President of the National W. C. T. U. Solo, "Victory." Reading of resolutions by Miss E. C. Turnley of Minden. "A Parting Message," by Rev. Lomax Childress of Roanoke. Freewill offering. Song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Benediction.

Parents, Your Boy or Your Girl's Future is on Trial! What are You doing?

You would be a very unnatural parent if you did not wish to give your boy or girl the best educational advantages that are in your power, a very thoughtless parent if you sent him to the first school that mailed you a catalogue, and an unpardonable parent if you entered him in a school without first investigating its location, sanitation, equipment, character of student body, faculty, system of discipline, and above all, the moral surroundings. Yours is the duty of investigation, comparison and ultimate decision.

You acknowledge the hearsay that "One school is just as good as another," it all depends upon the boy or girl. If you rest your decision on that, you may later on have bitter occasion to regret your indolent and indifferent attitude. Your boy or girl is the hope of your life. In him or her is centered your most cherished ambitions. On him or her rests your future happiness, your joyful right to live, or your sorrow or your willingness to die. His or her worth to you cannot be measured by dollars and cents, but his or her value must be measured by the training which he receives in home and in school. If the local school were an ideal place for your boy or girl, you wouldn't think about sending him away from home. Under present conditions, they doubtless need more self-reliance, because they lack the power of initiative, are wanting in breadth the scope of vision, haven't learned how to study, can't make for themselves, and are ignorant of the fine art of a business career. If so, their education should be continued in a school where discipline really means something, where personal observation by the faculty is constant, where our service is rendered above everything else, and where manly and womanly character and conduct are held paramount to all other considerations.

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CROWLEY MAN URGES FARMERS TO STAND PAT

Crowley, La., Oct. 6, 1916.

Mr. Rice Farmer:

Have you been keeping yourself posted with the advance on all food stuffs, all over the United States, and the increase in prices the farmers or producers are getting on everything except rice? If not, it is time you are becoming posted.

Let us make a few comparisons: Flour today is selling at the highest price since the Civil War, and that was some time ago. The price on beans today in all the markets where beans are sold is fourteen and fifteen cents per pound, when they were selling this spring for six and seven. Potatoes today are selling 116 per cent higher than a year ago, American cheese is selling today for 21½ cents per pound and last year it was selling at 14½ cents. Hogs are selling 25 per cent higher than a year ago and lambs are 20 per cent higher.

Cabbage in New York has risen from 3 cents per pound last year to 8 cents now. Tomatoes that sold last year for 50 cents per crate are selling at \$3.00 now.

Rice is selling at 12 cents per pound in almost all the cities in the north, and what portion of that are you getting? If the mills were paying you \$3.25 per barrel for your No. 1 Blue Rose and were getting 3½ cents per pound for the clean, they would be making what they call milling out of it.

Almost all the northern cities have a 35-cents per hundred freight rate from the rice belt, so you see it costs 4 cents to lay your rice down in the northern cities. If the farmer that raises this rice and the mills that put it into the clean and the railroads that haul it into the north only get 4 cents out of it, who gets the difference between the 4 cents and the price the consumer in the north pays for it, be that 12 or even 10 cents? The people of the north, east and west would be eating more rice if they were buying it for the price it should bring in proportion to what the farmer is getting out of it.

Are you going to take less for it than it brought last year? Now, it is up to you. You can get the price it should bring if we all just stand together.

Understand, I am not talking \$4.00 a barrel for it, but any one that sells for less than \$3.25 for No. 1 is not only throwing good money away, but is simply making his neighbor take less for his too. I understand some have contracted the rice they are to handle for less than the above price. Well, all I have to say is that they must be selling something that is not their own, or that they have a reason for making some mill a present. The mills all agreed that the Southern Rice Growers' Association was very conservative when they set the minimum at \$3.25 for No. 1 Blue Rose. The early part of this crop could have been handled easily for that price and a little later advanced enough to cover storage and insurance. It is a well known fact that the jobbers are buying large orders in rice, book or orders ahead heavier than ever before.

Why is this? Because they know that with all the other food stuffs soaring the people of the United States are going to eat more rice this year than ever before, and that this price the jobber can buy rice today it is a safe gamble. Now, lots of orders were contracted for when Blue Rose was selling at \$3.25 for No. 1s and 2s. Understand, I say Blue Rose should be bringing \$3.25 where it has to be sold. It is worth, in comparison with other food stuffs, \$3.50 or more. You will see before this year is over clean rice selling higher than last year when Blue Rose was selling from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per barrel.

Now, listen, I am not talking to members of the Southern Rice Growers' Association alone, for every rice farmer is entitled to the same money for the same quality of goods. Because you have not signed up, do not think you can sell cheaper than your neighbor that has a contract. This he is standing with a great many others trying to get only what he is entitled to, but if you do not get what yours is worth, he simply has to wait till you give yours away, so he can get what you and he both should have had. Some will say, "Oh, we have such a big crop, we have to sell cheap to move it." That is not so. The trade will take just as much rice at \$3.50 per barrel for rough as if you sell it for \$3.10.

The price of the rough has nothing to do with the price of the clean to the consumer, but the difference in the above prices does mean four million dollars to the rice farmers.

Other will say, "Well, I made 12 sacks on my land and I can take less and make money." Will you make as much as if you got what you should get? And did they pay you as much more in proportion when you made from five to seven sacks per acre? Last year they said they could not pay as much, as the cotton farmers were getting nothing for their cotton and they could not eat rice.

Well, they are getting a good price for cotton this year and they should eat lots of rice this year.

Now, the banks are ready to help you get what is yours. If you will put your rice in a bonded warehouse and bring your receipt, with an insurance policy, the banks will advance you enough to pay off what you

SHOULD OWE. And, by the way, every public warehouse should be bonded. If I am rightly informed every public warehouse, according to law, should or must be bonded.

Understand, I am not knocking any of the mills, for I know every one of the mills will pay the price for the rice if you only ask it. They have all agreed that the association did not put the price any too high, but if you are willing to take less they are not ashamed to offer you less. It is just up to the man that has it to sell.

We all need some money and need it now, but remember, you are selling the only thing you will have to sell for another year. If you do not get any of the benefits of the shortage of the other foodstuffs, and the war in Europe, you can just take it from me that when that war is over the rice farmer will be the first one to feel the fact that it is over. They will claim that they have all the foreign rice they have been unable to send over here on account of the war, and if we do not take their price for our goods they will have to import that same foreign rice.

You are now paying 50 per cent more for sacks this year "on account of the war." You will see what we will have to pay for our feed to put in our next crop. Think of these things and let us simply get what is ours for the asking.

Our northern brothers and cousins, the farmers of the north, are getting better prices for everything, so why not let us get our part?

It is not my object to start or stir up anything, and above all, I do not want to stop any trades, but I do want to get what we are entitled to and what may not come to us soon again.

Yours for the farmer all the time,
F. M. MILLIKEN.

FARMERS OBSERVATION TOUR

Following up my recent article on the Farmers' Observation Tour.—We found that the trip had been specially arranged for the study of dairy cattle and the different phases of the dairy industry. We found, however, even in the heart of the Wisconsin dairy district, some good herds of beef type cattle and by taking a few side trips, those of us, particularly those from Southwest Louisiana, who were most interested in this type of stock, found ample opportunity to study these herds and get a great deal of first hand information. Further west, through Iowa, however, we found the percentage of beef strains increasing. At Waterloo and Waverly where some of the finest strains of dairy cattle in the world are to be found, may also be seen some splendid herds of Angus and Shorthorns. We made several side trips while en route through Iowa prominently among them being visits to the Angus herds of Harvey Hess of Waterloo, Escher & Ryan of Erwin, the Herefords of G. W. Bates and the Shorthorns of Gershen Bros. Two fine young bulls were purchased by two of our party from Mr. Hess at a price of \$250 for 9 months old calves. This younger stock was selected because of the danger to shipments of mature stock, which rarely ever survives the tick fever here. This is a great argument in favor of tick eradication and emphasizes the importance of expediting this work. The time is not far distant when we shall want to use mature sires of the best breeding—in fact we could use them now, but dare not bring them down here until the tick has been destroyed.

Some of the best herds of both dairy and beef type cattle of that country have been built up by breeding high grade sires to the native cattle and the use of thoroughbred sires upon the grades, from which have come many of the fine beef type herds of the northwest. The livestock show at the state fair at Des Moines was a revelation to us, there being nearly \$3,000,000 worth of livestock on exhibition. This is one of the three big state fairs of the U. S., being in the class with Illinois and Minnesota. One day was not enough time to see this fair as it should have been seen, but as this was all the time at our disposal we endeavored to get the most comprehensive idea of it in the short time allotted. A fine demonstration in the influence of good sires was on exhibition at the stock barns. Two cows taken from a herd of Arkansas scrubs, ten years ago had been bred to good bulls—the daughters and grand daughters to high class sires with the result that the fourth generation is producing record stock.

This is precisely the course we will need to pursue here in Louisiana. Our native stock is a very hardy lot, being the outcome of the survival of the fittest, and with good grade sires to begin with, for pedigreed stock is too high for the average farmer to buy to breed onto his crude stock, then, the high class sires from the northwest, once a herd of good grades have been established. In this connection, I expect to go to southwest Texas about the 15th for a car load of full blood beef type bulls (not registered) for farmers who are already interested in grading up their herds. This car will consist of Angus, Shorthorns, Herefords and Red Polled, every animal representing the head of a herd here in Jeff. Davis parish. Those wanting bred bulls may get in on this car by writing me at Jennings within the next ten days. H. C. FONDREN.

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