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STATE FARM BUREAU NOTES

State Farm Bureau Endorses Farmers' Union Company

Manhattan, Kans., Feb. 14.—Cooperation between farm organizations was one of the things stressed at the Kansas State Farm Bureau annual convention which was held here last week. In addition to recommending that the county, state and national organizations cooperate with other existing farm organizations, the bureau passed a resolution endorsing the Farmers' Union Live Stock Commission companies of Kansas City and St. Joseph, and recommended that farmers in this state patronize these companies. The resolution follows:

"In the spirit of cooperation with other farm organizations we endorse the Farmers' Union Live Stock Commission companies of Kansas City and St. Joseph and urge our farmer shippers to consign their live stock for sale to this farmers' firm. We further instruct our president and secretary to convey to the officers of the National Live Stock Producers' Association our belief that the urgent necessity of harmony among farm organizations makes it imperative that no new farmer live stock commission firms be established in competition with present farmer firms, unless after every possible effort and concession has been made to secure this harmony and cooperation.

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State Farm Bureau Dues Cut

Kansas State Farm Bureau dues were reduced from \$5 a year to \$3 a year at the third annual meeting of the bureau held here last week. The county farm bureaus from now on will assume the responsibility of the organization work. The dues were cut because of the fact that many farmers find it difficult to pay the higher dues during the present depression.

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Kansas State Farm Bureau has cooperated in gathering information to be used in urging all the important agricultural laws passed by recent sessions of Congress, including the packer control bill, the grain exchange bill and the Capper-Volstead cooperative marketing bill, according to the report of Charles R. Weeks, secretary, read before the third annual meeting of the bureau held here last week. Mr. Weeks reported that five separate referendums had been taken to secure information and suggestions. The state bureau also furnished data to the Kansas Public Utilities Commission to be used in getting a reduction of freight rates. It was stated at the meeting that the Kansas bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation had worked hand in hand with the agricultural bloc to put these measures through. In the resolutions passed by the bureau the farm bloc was endorsed.

Kansas State Farm Bureau Elects Officers

Mrs. Zada Hulbert, Lakeland; H. M. Hill, Lafontaine; and H. J. Winslow, Dalton, are the new members of the executive committee of Kansas State Farm Bureau elected at the third annual meeting of the bureau held here February 8 and 9. All other officers were re-elected.

Mrs. Hulbert is the first woman to be a member of the executive committee of the state farm bureau. She lives on an 8,000 acre ranch in Meade county. The seventh congressional district, which contains one-fourth of the county farm bureaus in Kansas, was divided into two parts. Mrs. Hulbert represents the western half of the seventh district and R. Z. Shipp, Coldwater, was re-elected to represent the east half. H. M. Hill of Lafontaine, was nominated by C. S. Perkins, who has served as executive committeeman from the third district since the organization of the state bureau. Mr. Perkins refused longer to be a candidate. Mr. Winslow takes the place of A. W. Wise of Clearwater.

The full list of officers is as follows: Ralph Snyder, Oskaloosa, president; John M. Ryan, Muscotah, vice-president; P. W. Enns, Newton, treasurer.

The executive committeemen follow: Wm. Leak, Tonganoxie, first district; O. O. Wolf, Ottawa, second district; H. M. Hill, Lafontaine, third district; F. O. Peterson, Burdick, fourth district; Andrew Shearer, Frankfort, fifth district; J. A. Crawford, Boardale, sixth district; R. Z.

Shipp, Coldwater, east seventh district; Mrs. Zada Hulbert, Lakeland, west seventh district; H. J. Winslow, Dalton, eighth district.

LET ALL PAY TAXES

Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, has proposed an amendment to the Constitution that would permit the Federal Government to tax securities issued by states and municipalities. At present bonds of that nature are tax-free, and Mr. Smoot estimates that \$700,000,000 is lost annually to the Government because of its inability to levy against them. "The enactment of some such provision is absolutely necessary," declares Senator Smoot, "if the Government is to collect any material amount of taxes in the future from persons of large incomes. My information is that the taxes from this source have fallen from \$917,000,000 a year down to an estimated amount of less than \$200,000,000 for the year 1920. The amendment of the Constitution in the way I have suggested seems to me a matter of necessary self-protection by the Federal Government."

THE TRUTH ABOUT TAXATION

The movement is on for reduced taxation right down the line from national government to school district. In commenting on fight of industries in the State of Washington to secure a general tax reduction, a deputy assessor thoroughly familiar with the situation and who is in accord with the idea of reducing government expense, says:

"In our county it is not taxation any more but is getting to be confiscation, but what is a poor assessor going to do when we elect a Legislature who think it is their bounden duty to get an appropriation for their district in order to get back in office and each State institution sends its lobby to the Legislature to obtain all they can for their pet institution. When the Legislature gets through passing the pie around then the State officers have to make the levy to meet it and so on down the County affairs. Each district will vote bonds for some needed, or imaginary project, then when tax paying time comes they blame the assessor for high taxes, when, as a matter of fact, it is the voters themselves who are to blame for continuing to elect extravagant legislators. We are busting the taxpayers by trying to make a playground of the West for the rest of the country to come and have a good time in the summer. The same thing prevails in the county, everyone urges roads to their particular place and the consequence is that the Commission has to levy all the law will let them in order to get back in again. The same with schools—each district wants to have a better school than its neighbors and go the limit. I know of one timber district that has the nicest school building, and best equipped of any school in the towns, in fact they have everything that money can buy—they have less than thirty pupils with three teachers, the principal getting \$190.00 a month. Their valuation for this year is \$1,182,569, with a school levy of 14.5 mills, and not a farmer has enough personal property to be on the tax roll, while the school here, which built a new \$40,000 school house this year and maintains thirteen teachers, has only an 18 mill levy on a valuation of \$854,489."

This plain statement of facts applies with equal force to practically every western state. It is up to the people to say whether they will have tax reduction or further tax expansion.—Ex.

POLITICAL BUNK IN LARGE CHUNKS

The Non-Partisan League is expanding on a large scale, according to Walter Thomas Mills of Berkeley, California, and T. P. Doyle, of Minneapolis. The new political movement in California is to be financed by a million dollar fund. Mills is state organizer and Doyle is national organizer of the League. At a recent mass meeting in San Francisco, Mills said that no attempt would be made to interfere with the programs of the Socialistic party of the Farmer-Labor party and that no candidates would be placed in the field in California by the Non-Partisan League until 100,000 families had been pledged to League support in the state.

The League's purpose, he declared, "is to gather in a single body the useful people through a defederation of agricultural, industrial, commercial, professional and other occupational self governing departments—a body strong enough to get possession of the state government of California and all its political subdivisions in order to use its public power and resources to protect and promote trade union activities, public enterprises and cooperative undertakings. "Its membership shall not be deemed sufficient unless 40,000 of

them shall be farmers and 40,000 wage earners."

One of the main groups will be formed by housewives, Mills said, and after the next election he expects to train hundreds of women in regard to the theories of the Non-Partisan League and send them on a house to house canvas throughout all California.

This is a wonderful program and should enable Mr. Mills and his solicitors to collect \$10.00 from everyone of the "useful people" when the League approaches.

To a man familiar with the workings of the Non-Partisan League, it is easy to discern behind this camouflage of words, the socialistic program of League leaders to socialize, as far as possible, California, both politically and industrially.

It is safe to say that the \$500,000,000 state power project scheme will secure the solid backing of the League organization and will be one of its main arguments for securing contributions.

The regrettable feature of the situation is that the "single body of useful people" which will comprise the League cannot be left in California by themselves to finance their wonderful state ownership propositions, pay the tax bills thus created, and have all the pleasures and benefits which will result (??) from a socialized state such as they propose.

Apparently these "useful people" are not satisfied with the result of the experiments which have practically wrecked North Dakota and instead of living there, they wish to try the experiment again farther west.

If these "useful people" should be as successful in establishing their reign of mismanagement along socialistic lines as they were in North Dakota, the unfortunate citizens in California who are not "useful people" and members of the League would find that after the fire works were over they would be left to pay the bills for the experiments of the "useful hundred thousand."

It seems impossible to conceive that the voters of California can be fooled by the political bunk which professional League organizers hand out at \$10 per member, especially when all these organizers can point to as testimony is a record of League failures, bankruptcies and political wrecks in every section and state where it has met with any temporary political control.—Industrial News Bureau.

Just Misplaced.

"My most embarrassing moment," said a minister, "was when, as a young candidate for a church, towering awkwardly in the pulpit, I twisted my words. I was recommending a small pamphlet, and suddenly I heard myself describe it as 'This book which I hold in my little hand.'"

The Life of a Pearl.

"The pearl resembles man in that it is born to die. Care for it as you will, its life can no more be prolonged indefinitely than ours can, because it has an organic constitution. If you tell me that specimens have been found in the tombs of the ancient Egyptians, I ask, what became of them? Those relics of a bygone civilization crumble into dust on exposure to the air."—Exchange.

Island of Ceylon.

Ceylon is an island in the Indian ocean off the southern end of Hindustan, constituting a British colony. The raising of coconuts is the principal pursuit. Rice and tea also are grown. The chief mineral for export is plumbago. Some gold is mined. The manufactures chiefly consist in the working of agricultural products, as the making of coconut oil.

Induces Blunt Remarks.
When a razor loses its temper, the user of it is very apt to, also.—Boston Transcript.

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I protest to you, by the faith of an honest man, the more I range the country the more I admire it. I have seen the best countries in Europe; I protest to you, put them all together, this country will be equivalent unto them if it be inhabited with good people.—Sir Thomas Dale, 1613.

The Mark of Femininity.
The eight-year-old son of a North side family was showing an animal book to his little four-year-old brother. Coming to the picture of a reindeer, with its odd-shaped hoofs, he said: "Now, Billy, you can always tell a woman reindeer by the kind of heels it wears."—Indianapolis News.

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