

Farmers Mass Meeting

SATURDAY FEB. 14

Keytesville at Courthouse 2:30 p. m.

This meeting must determine WHAT ACTION if ANY is to be taken about the future of the FARM BUREAU.

Are we still willing to sit tight and take the short end of the deal?

Are we satisfied with the situation? Are we getting what we deserve in the market place?

The Grain Corporation that held down the price of our wheat will soon wind up its affairs and turn \$50,000,000 of its profits over to the government. From where did those \$50,000,000 come? You, of course, know and are you satisfied?

Your live stock operations have lost you money if you were not actually ruined financially, while every article you have had to buy has gone up in price. Are you SATISFIED and HAPPY about it?

If not are you willing to HELP?

The attendance at the meeting SATURDAY will answer this question

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Congress As An Autocracy

The most severe criticism yet passed upon the majority decision of the United States Supreme Court in sustaining the constitutionality of the Volstead act to enforce war-time prohibition is to be found in the minority opinion in which four of the nine Justices concurred.

The majority of the Court, likening the war powers of Congress to the police powers of the states, insisted that the Volstead act must be valid "because in the opinion of Congress the war emergency demands it."

Pointing out that the main question did not relate to the wisdom or validity of general legislation concerning liquors or with the intoxicating qualities of beer, Justice McReynolds declared in the dissenting opinion that the real problem concerned the rights of citizens "after a declaration of war, but when active hostilities have ended and demobilization has been completed."

As to the majority argument, Justice McReynolds says:

"The query at once arises: If all this is true, may not this second implied power engender a third, under which Congress may forbid the planting of barley or hops, the manufacture of bottles or kegs, etc., etc?"

And thus there is no end to the inhibitions that may be established regardless of the constitutional provisions that "nor shall any person be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor shall private property be taken for

public use without just compensation."

The Post-Dispatch long ago called attention to the fact that the war-time prohibition law and the eighteenth amendment involved issues of liberty and property that far transcended any question in relation to the use or abuse of alcoholic beverages. It is apparent from the majority decision of the Supreme Court in regard to the Volstead act that the American people can never again enter into war without the gravest misgivings as to their rights and liberties at home.

If the war powers of Congress are what a majority of the Supreme Court maintains in affirming the validity of the Volstead act, there seems to be no limit whatever to the legislation that Congress can enact in time of war. It can decree what emergencies it chooses. It can enact such legislation as it pleases to meet these emergencies. It can suppress all constitutional guarantees that it sees fit to suppress and it can destroy all property that it sees fit to destroy. There is no redress, and Congress requires no justification except a state of war, which it has sole power to declare.

At the end of a war to make the world safe for democracy, we now find ourselves henceforth at the mercy of a congressional autocracy. Was there ever a more ironical climax to a great exploit in idealism in behalf of human liberty?—Post-Dispatch.

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The Salisbury Minstrels entertained a fairly good house at The American Theatre in this city last Friday night. The boys got off a good many amusing stunts and gags on our local people but the insinuation that the editor of The Great Favorite Weekly has the capacity of a silo was a gastronomic canard but calculated to raise the board rates to him.

Geo. W. Taylor a pioneer of Linn county died at his home south of Browning at the age of 76 years.

Periodic Bilious Attacks

Persons subject to periodic bilious attacks will observe that their appetite fails them just before an attack. That is, they do not really crave food but eat because it is meal time. If they will eat only a light meal and no meat, then take two of Chamberlain's Tablets the attack may be avoided.

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52tf E. S. Pearson

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At farm 2 miles south of Indian Grove I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash.

6 head of Horses, 25 head of Cattle and 36 head of hogs. Mares in foal by jack, cows good milkers and with calves or soon to be fresh and hogs double immune, among them some sows to farrow soon, Duroc Gilts and good shoats.

Also a lot of farm implements, a lot of silage, poultry, hay and household furniture. Send for bill for particulars.

J. B. CRUM