

THE FARMERS CONVENTION - A GOOD MEETING.

The Farmers' Protective and Marketing Union of Clarendon county met in the Institute hall Sept. 26th, with every township in the county represented except Friendship. There were thirty-five delegates present representing 17 farmers clubs.

The convention was called to order by temporary chairman E. D. Hodge, who in a very earnest and graceful manner stated the object of the convention, and in his remarks he took occasion to say that inasmuch as there was a probability of his being a candidate for office, he did not think it proper to lay himself and the organization liable to criticism, and therefore asked that he not be made the permanent chairman. Immediately upon the chairman announcing that the convention would proceed with the permanent organization, Doctor Woods who had been elected to represent New Zion, arose to what he termed a question of personal privilege, but after making some vague hints at something or somebody he proceeded to a speech, but Chairman Hodge interrupted him and informed him that the convention was there for business and would adopt the five minute rule on speech making, to this Dr. Woods objected and proceeded to throw out hints by chunks. He pictured all sorts of calamities, that he would warn the people against; in other words his "talker machine" was well greased, and during his direful remarks Mr. J. E. Kelly started to interrupt him, because he thought some of the Doctor's hints were meant for him, which the Doctor disclaimed.

It was at this stage that Chairman Hodge asked to be relieved of the chairmanship, promising to labor for the welfare of the organization in the private ranks where he could do better service when out of official position, and away from the taunts of those who would hint that he wished to serve his political ends. Mr. Hodge's speech had a manly ring and it was approvingly commented on by the members. The roll of delegates was called and the following permanent officers were elected to serve one year: Hon. E. R. Plowden, President; W. D. McFaddin, 1st. Vice President; E. D. Hodge, 2nd. Vice President; A. J. Richbourg, Secretary and Treasurer.

The constitution and by-laws adopted at the former meeting by accident were left at home by Mr. J. G. White, the temporary secretary, which left the convention without a guide as to mode of procedure. At the request of several members Mr. Louis Appelt drew up a paper covering the principles in the constitution, which was presented to be read, whereupon Dr. Woods saw snakes, and without waiting for the paper to be read made vigorous objections and grew almost frantic in his eloquent warnings against the hidden dagger concealed in the sleeve of the enemy to the farmer. Mr. Appelt, who was present, asked permission to explain the paper but the doctor thought it was loaded, and objected, claiming that Mr. Appelt had no right in the deliberations of the organization. The chairman however placed the matter before the body, which readily desired to hear from Mr. Appelt who briefly gave an explanation of his connection with the paper and suggested to the doctor that if he would wait until the paper was read he would have no reason to complain, but this only had the effect of stirring up the doctor's spooks, and he made all sorts of declarations with bow-wow attachments. He continued opposing the reading of the paper until called to order by the chair, then Hon. J. E. Tindal and Capt. D. J. Bradham were elected lecturers of the Union. It was decided to have an executive committee composed of one member from each club who shall be chosen by his respective club, and that the person chosen have his name and address sent to the county president, whose post office address is Manning. The selection of the executive committee was made at the first club meeting to be held from now. It was also decided that each club select a person to report on the 1st of each month to the president, as to all matters pertaining to the interest of the Union, together with the condition of the crops, amount of fertilizer used, etc., and that the president shall publish in THE MANNING TIMES what in his judgement should be published. Mr. J. E. Kelly moved that no professional man be eligible to a seat as a member of this organization or a delegate at its conventions. Dr. Woods, as if struck by the sharp point of an instrument piercing his restiveness, jumped to his feet to make a speech on the motion, but was wrapped down by the chairman's gavel aided by the stamping of the delegates. The president ruled Mr. Kelly's motion as unnecessary, as the same was included in constitution and by-laws of the Union, and at the same time informed, Dr. Woods he was ineligible to membership in the order.

The paper prepared by Mr.

Appelt was now read and adopted in its entirety, with the exception of a slight change, making the minimum membership 12 instead of 15, and is now adopted as the constitution of the Farmers Protective and Marketing Union, and is as follows: CONSTITUTION.

Representing as we do, the several farmers' clubs in Clarendon county, to make rules for the government of the organization known as the Farmers' Protective and Marketing Union, it is declared by this convention to be the purpose and intent of this organization to have the various townships organized into farmers' clubs for the purpose of conferring with each other in the making and marketing of their products, to endeavor to effect arrangements to buy in quantity, to aid each other in the development of the lands, and for all things as are of benefit to the farming interests. It is our purpose to strive to make better our educational facilities, urge the necessity for the building of our highways, and to be just to those we have dealings with, and demand justice from them.

We recognize the tendency of the times, to concentrate capital, and when it is done for the purpose of upbuilding and fostering honest enterprise, we wish it God speed, but when the concentration of capital means the combination of a few to drive out competition, and crush the many, and thereby add insult to injury by ruthlessly and wantonly disregarding the rights of the people, we stamp it with disapproval and enlist ourselves to resist its unholy efforts. This organization is for the purpose of protecting itself against the greed of trusts of all kinds, and the dishonest methods of individuals.

The county organization shall meet four times a year, the dates to be fixed by the convention, and its officers shall be composed of a president, two vice presidents, a secretary, two or more lecturers and an executive committee, to consist of one member from each club.

The duty of the president shall be to preside at the conventions and his term of office shall be for one year, and he shall also be chairman of the executive committee. The vice president to preside when the president is absent. The secretary to have charge of all the records of all the records of the organizations and to have published all notices. The executive committee whenever they shall be called by the president, shall have power to act in cases of emergency, and to promulgate such matters as will be of interest to the organization.

No person shall be eligible to membership in the Farmers Protective and Marketing Union who is not practically engaged in farming as a means of livelihood, and whose farming is not paramount to every other business he is engaged in. It is the intention and meaning of this body to effect an organization of farmers solely, and to make ineligible for membership speculators, lawyers, editors, doctors, merchants, (by merchants it is not meant those farmers who keep plantation stores) mill men, and all other callings and professions, which are engaged in interests or callings which with them is paramount to that of farming.

The county organization shall be composed of one delegate for every twenty-five members of a club, and one member for every fractional part of twenty-five, but no club can be organized with less than twelve members. The clubs shall have a president, vice president, and secretary, and one executive committee.

These clubs shall meet as often as their local environments require, and whenever in their judgement a private meeting is necessary they shall exclude all who are not members, and proceed to business, when such are present, will consider themselves honor bound to keep secret the proceedings until the same shall have been formally made public by the authorized source.

On motion, Mr. Appelt was invited to address the body twice, once to explain the meaning in the clause of the constitution regarding merchants, which he declared was self explanatory, that farmers who operated plantation stores in connection with their farms as an aid to their farming operations were entitled to membership, - the meaning and intent of the whole paper was to only have in the organization men who are actively engaged in practical farming as their principal means of livelihood. He explained that a man may own and operate numbers of farms, but when his other callings or interests are paramount to his farming operations, farming with such a person is a side issue and therefore he is not eligible to membership in a farmer's club. The purpose of this organization is for farmers solely, and no lawyer, doctor, merchant or any other profession is invited to join, and where an attempt is made by those whose interests are paramount to that of farming, it is an unwelcome intrusion, and must not be tolerated if the organization is to be successful. Mr. Appelt in his speeches offered to the publish all notices for the organization free of charge, and a resolution was adopted extending thanks of appreciation to him. It was resolved that members of the Union hold their cotton seed for a price not less than 40 cents per bushel, cash, or in

exchange for meal, 100 bushels of cotton seed for one ton of prime meal, and \$10 in cash. This motion was thoroughly rejected. This motion was moved by Messrs. J. E. Kelly, E. D. Hodge, T. B. Mims, W. M. Plowden, J. M. Davis, M. C. Williams and A. P. Burgess. The difference in the cash and exchange was argued as an inducement to farmers putting fertilizers on their lands, instead of selling the seed and spending the money for other purposes.

Mr. E. D. Hodge upon invitation addressed the convention, and made a good sensible talk on the necessity of holding together, starting a bureau of information whereby the farmers could ascertain what is doing in the cotton world and not depend entirely upon Neill and other deceiving reporters.

Captain Bradham was present and was also invited to speak, and as he arose he was greeted with applause. He thanked the convention for the honor of selecting him as one of the lecturers, and promised to engage in the work earnestly and actively, that he would visit every club, and do all in his power to build up the organization. He referred to the many commissions he had in war and in peace, and he regarded this one with much appreciation.

A committee of three composed of Messrs. J. E. Kelly, W. M. Plowden and H. B. Richardson, Jr. was appointed to confer with the cotton seed oil mills in this and other sections, and inform them of the convention's action with regard to cotton seed and meal, and said committee to report results to next meeting.

The matter of the tobacco trust was brought up by Messrs. J. M. Player, and after some discussion it was resolved that the chairman of each township club request the merchants not to handle any trust tobacco, and authorized said chairman to promise the organization's support to those merchants who refuse to buy trust goods. Messrs. J. M. Montgomery, J. E. Kelly and J. F. Bradham was appointed a committee to confer with the tobacco organization of North Carolina, and promise support to it in its fight against the tobacco trust in that State.

It was resolved that any county officer in the Farmers Protective and Marketing Union desiring to become a candidate for public office must resign his office in the organization. A motion to have a secret sign and password was tabled with all but two votes.

The matter of discrimination against the home consumer by the local cotton seed oil mills was discussed at the request of the body by Mr. Appelt, who had given the matter a good deal of thought. He claimed that the mills based their price of meal on the rate fixed F. O. B. Columbia, and when the local buyer drove up to a local mill he was charged the price at Columbia together with the rate of freight from that point to the mill. He claimed this to be an outrageous discrimination against the home farmer. The freight is not earned by the mills, but extorted to help the mill to meet competition abroad; it is a case of making the home farmer contribute out of his pocket about \$2 a ton for the benefit of the stock holders. He urged the convention to not overlook this, a most important matter, and advised, if the mills persisted in this wrong, and refused to save the farmers the freight, to order their meal so that if freight is to be paid, let the railroads who work for it, get it. He said that when the mills discovered the farmers were determined to be treated justly they would treat them right. The committee to confer with the mills were instructed to take this matter in charge.

It was decided that the township clubs meet on the third Friday in October, at 4 o'clock p. m. to transact business and elect delegates to a county convention to be held 1st, Saturday in November at 12 m. at which time the labor and other important matters will be discussed.

We neglected to state that after it was made clear to Dr. Woods that he was ineligible for membership he remained a short while longer and then left very much out of humor with the writer whom he threatened to "meet at the Philippines" - well we won't go, as we cannot speak Tagala.

NO TIME FOR BICKERING. The petty fling at the "little fellow" who is pressing for 40 cents a bushel for cotton seed, is unworthy of the man who makes it, and the farmers are not going to be hoodwinked by the old hackneyed cry "he is after office for next year or two years later. We say that the farmers have too much intelligence to not be able to distinguish between the sincere and insincere, and it matters not to them what motive prompts the urging of a good thing. When it comes time to select officials it will then be time enough to consider he worthiness or unworthiness of a man, and so far as we are concerned, we have already stated that under no circumstances will we seek official position next year. This way of trying to divert attention from an issue by impugning motives, is the trick of the politician, but the people see through it, and will not be fooled by it.

It is a rule with us to refuse to notice such things, but we do notice this one, because we feel sure we have spotted the author,

and it gives us an opportunity to let him know that we are not trying to get back in office, as he would have it appear. nor would we ever try to get back into office, had we been so ignominiously defeated as he was when he was last a candidate. We did not go back to the Senate it is true, but 809 undebauched voters of this county recorded their preference for us to go back, which is the largest vote ever polled for us before, and which was a larger vote than others received and were declared elected. Whenever 809 votes are recorded for a man in this county, where the nominal vote is about 1500, that man can feel assured he still retains a majority of the vote of the county, whether he is manipulated to defeat or not. Now so far as our ever going back into office is concerned, we can say with sincerity that at present we have no such desire, but there may come a time in the distant future when we might aspire and when we do, and can get the handsome endorsement we received in the last primary we shall be proud of it.

At present we have enlisted in a cause which if we can add something to aid the farmers in getting just treatment from those who have not always treated them justly in the past, we will have accomplished more good than we can were we to hold office always. But suppose for the sake of argument our motive in urging a betterment of the farmers condition we are actuated by selfish motives, will it be argued that they should pay no attention to what we say in their interests? We hardly think, even the man who flings at our efforts, will uncover himself and make such an admission. He must admit, if we are urging the farmers to stand together, be just and reasonable in their demands, and to refuse to permit themselves imposed upon, that they are getting good advice, without regard to the motive prompting it.

This is not a time to question sincerity, but this is a time for sensible and practical action. If the people are going to wait until it is decided whether or not good advice and counsel, is sincere, the time for action will have passed, and those we are urging the farmers to make demands from, will "laugh in their sleeves" as they continue extorting and oppressing. Quit caviling and get down to earnest business. We do not expect very great results at first, but if the farmers hold out tenaciously there is no reason why great good cannot be accomplished. What is needed is firmness, intelligence and justice.

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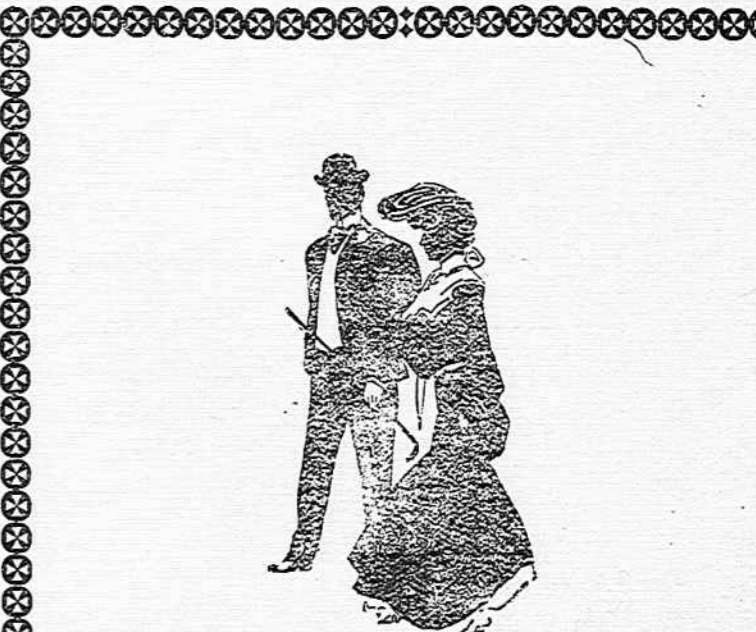
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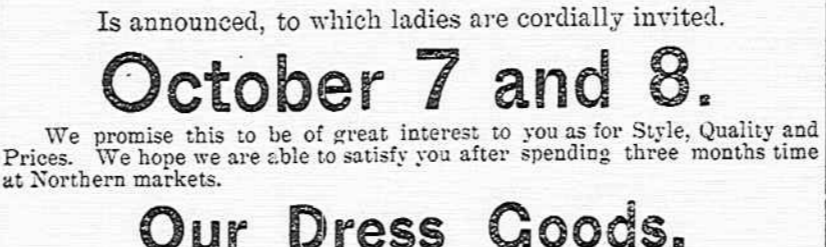
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