

**THE FARMERS' UNION.**

**Its Aims and Purposes to Uplift the Farmers.**

Editor Colman's Record—

To try to correct some erroneous ideas about what the Farmers' Union is, I will endeavor to let the people know what the Farmers' Union is, as I understand it. The Farmers' Union is an organization of farmers to try to better their condition. To enable farmers to meet certain existing conditions and protect their interests, we have organized the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union of America and declare the following purposes: To establish justice. To secure equity. To apply the Golden Rule. To discourage the credit and mortgage system. To assist our members in buying and selling. To educate the agricultural class in scientific farming. To teach farmers the classification of crops, domestic economy and process of marketing. To systemize methods of production and distribution. To eliminate gambling in farm products by boards of trade, cotton exchanges and other speculators. To bring farming up to the standard of other industries and business enterprises. To secure and maintain profitable and uniform prices for all farm products. To strive for harmony and good will among all mankind and brotherly love among ourselves. To garner the tears of the distressed, the blood of martyrs, the laugh of innocent childhood, the sweat of honest labor and the virtue of a happy home as the brightest jewels known.

Now, Mr Editor, the above is the declaration of purposes of the Farmers' Union. I can't see anything in those declarations that can be objectionable to any class or profession. It stands without contradiction that the farmers feed and clothe the world and are entitled to as good living as any class or profession in the world. Are they getting it? If not, why not? That is one of the propositions that the Farmers' Union proposes to deal with. All other professions are organized for their mutual benefit and protection and has not the farmer the same God given right? The members of the Farmers' Union are not waging war against any other class of people, but simply propose to try to take care of themselves. Every other class of people is more or less dependent upon the farmer. Prosperous farmers make every body else prosperous. It seems to me, Mr Editor, that all other classes should be willing to join hands with the farmer and help him on to prosperity. The more money the farming class has the more the merchant, banker, lawyer, doctor and all other classes get, because if the farmers have money they are going to spend it. But if they have no money they can't spend any, consequently Mr merchant, banker, lawyer, doctor, &c., can't get it. Therefore, prosperous farmers make prosperous business, while depressed farmers make depressed business conditions.

Now, brother farmers, rally to the Farmers' Union and let us work out for ourselves a more prosperous life than we have been enjoying heretofore, remembering that in unity there is strength. "United we stand; divided we fall." Once there was an old man that had seven sons and felt an interest in their welfare. When he was on his death-bed and all of his sons were around, he told one of them to go and bring him some good, stout switches. The son brought them. The father then said: "Get a cord and bind all seven tightly together." This the son did. Then his father said, "Break them." But the son could not break them. The father then told him to unbind them and was done. Then he said: "Take one at a time and break them." That was a small job, as they were easily snapped in two. Then the aged father said to his sons: "Now, boys, you see that if you will stand united no man can break you; but unless you do you can be broken easily." Just so with us, brother farmers. If you will unite and stand together we can accomplish our purpose. But if we act singly and inde-

pendently we will be like the switches, very easily broken.

There are a great many people who are ready to say that the Farmers' Union is a failure because they failed to get 15 cents for cotton this year. If any such there be, please let them bear in mind that the farmers are not organized yet. Also that no great thing can be accomplished without an effort being put forth. Suppose that our forefathers who fought in the Revolution, had said after the defeat of the patriots at Bunker Hill that the patriots' cause was a failure. Or later after those brave men had signed the Declaration of Independence on the 4th day of July, 1776, because they failed to get their independence without any effort on their part, had turned off in disgust and said the whole thing was a failure. Yes, brother farmers, there were some in that day and time who said it was a failure. We remember Benedict Arnold and such as he. We may expect to meet with such in our warfare. But, thank God, there were such men as John Hancock, who said when he wrote his name on that declaration, he wrote it in a bold hand so that the king could read it; also Charles Carroll of Carrollton. He, too, was willing to take the consequences. Thank God, there are some brave men enlisted in this struggle for independence who are willing to risk the consequences. Brother farmers, if you all will unite yourselves with the Farmers' Union and put your trust in the living God, victory is sure to crown our efforts.

Now, Mr Editor, lest I weary you and this find the waste basket, I will stop now.

A FARMER.

Mouzon, S. C.  
December 17, 1908.

**The Christmas Gift We Want.**

The following bit of sentiment from the pen of Tom Watson of Georgia is one of the most timely and appropriate of the many beautiful thoughts inspired by the anniversary of the birth of Him who to Christian men and women is the source of every good and perfect gift:

Shall the tots have all the fun and all the good things when Christmas comes? Shall they and none others hang up the stockings and pray for remembrance, telling Santa Claus what they want?

Is there no Kriss Kringle for us older folks, no bringer of gifts who shall remember us and fit his gifts to our needs?

Go to! children—you shall have all you want. Not an empty stocking should hang pitifully on any hearth, if we could have our way. If we could take each needy one of you into our arms and hearts, and make you happy, we would do it—God knows we would.

But we older folk want Santa Claus to bring us something, too. Christmas comes but once a year, you know, and here is our prayer to the Bringer of gifts:

Bring us tender recollections of all whom we have loved and who have loved us, and forgetfulness for old pains and disappointments.

Bring us a larger Charity for our fellow-man, and a constant remembrance of the truth that if we knew what his burden is and what his troubles and his limitations are, we would perhaps give him the warm hand of encouragement instead of the mailed fist of condemnation.

Bring us the strength to keep in the middle of the road, to speak the right word, to do the right thing, regardless of earthly reward—heedless of everything save the voice from within.

Bring us Peace—peace with our neighbor, peace with our foe, peace of mind and peace of soul.

And, Santa Claus, do bring us, if you can, the feeling that we have not lived in vain, have not fought and toiled in vain, have not suffered and sacrificed in vain, but that, after all, we have done some little good in the world, have sent some ray of light, some crumb of comfort, some inspiration into the lives of others.

Foley's Orino Laxative cures chronic constipation and stimulates the liver. Orino regulates the bowels so they will act naturally and you do not have to take purgatives continuously. W L Wallace.

**Death of Mrs. Vernie Stuckey.**

After a long and painful illness, which she endured with Christian fortitude, Mrs Vernie Stuckey passed away last Saturday morning at the home of her father, Capt W D Fitch. The remains were taken to the family burying ground near Lake City on Sunday and at 1 o'clock laid to rest in the presence of a number of relatives and sympathizing friends. Mrs Stuckey has been sick since last May and came to Kingstree several weeks ago on a visit to her parents. She was the youngest child of Capt and Mrs Fitch, being only 23 years old. She is survived by her husband, Mr C F Stuckey, and one child, besides a large circle of other relatives, who sincerely mourn her death.

**Miller-Carter.**

MARR. — On Wednesday evening, December 23, 1908, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs A Miller, Kingstree, S. C., Miss Carrie Lena Miller and Mr Laurie A Carter, Rev E E Ervin being the officiating minister.

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"Three years ago I was marked for death. A grave-yard cough was tearing my lungs to pieces. Doctors failed to help me, when my husband got Dr King's New Discovery," says Mrs A C Williams, of Bacon, S. C. "The first dose helped me, and improvement kept on until I had gained 58 pounds in weight and health is fully restored." This medicine holds the world's healing record for coughs and colds and throat and lung diseases. It prevents pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at D C Scott's drug store 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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What confection did they have in the ark? Preserved pears (pears).

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The United States senate says poker playing, which was one of the things alleged against O R Hundley of Alabama as an appointee to a federal judgeship, is no bar to his nomination. Naturally it took this position, for from the days of Clay down to the present poker has been distinctively a senatorial game.

**Medicine That Is Medicine.**

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12-24-11.

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H H KINDER,  
12-24-2t Pension Commissioner.

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