

FARMERS' UNION.

A. J. A. PERRITT SUCCEEDS B. HARRIS AS PRESIDENT.

The Proceedings Yesterday—Several Matters of More or Less Importance Occupied the Deliberations All Day.

Columbia, July 29.—The Farmers' State Union met yesterday morning promptly at 8:30, and, after prayer by the chaplain, W. E. Bodie, the convention at once proceeded to business.

After some discussion on certain proposed changes and amendments to the constitution, which seems to have put the convention into somewhat of a tangle for a little while, the report of the committee on Clemson College, appointed at the last annual meeting of the State Farmers' Union, was read. The committee, in their report, stated that they were courteously received by the officers and faculty of the college and given a most considerate hearing. As the object of this committee's visit was to look into the tag tax on fertilizers, which has led many to think Clemson was getting in this way more money than it needed, while other State educational institutions were not getting enough, and as the committee reported favorably on the present 25 cents tag tax, the report brought forth considerable discussion. There was a feeling manifested that Clemson should be supported as other State colleges are, and that the fertilizer tax ought to be shared proportionately among them.

On invitation, Col. Alan Johnstone of Newberry, in a calm, logical address explained the work, needs and aims of Clemson, and showed that the \$200,000 revenue secured to Clemson was wisely and economically expended. The debate was adjourned to the afternoon, when it was again taken up, and a satisfactory conclusion reached regarding the fertilizer tax which goes to Clemson, the report of the committee being sustained by a good majority.

A discussion was precipitated in the convention on the matter of raising the dues above what they are at present. After threshing about pro and con, the whole question was referred back to the State meeting, with the petition that the matter be referred to the local unions for final action. The proposition is to raise the dues to 50 cents, 10 of which will go to the local unions, 10 to the county unions, 2 to the national union, and the remainder, 28 cents, to the State Union.

A communication from the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company on the subject of a rural telephone service, which is too lengthy for publication, was received and read as information.

Commissioner McMaster wrote a letter to the State union with reference to insurance matters.

There was also some correspondence from Commissioner Watson with reference to the president of the United States sending an expert to Europe to study textile conditions over there. This matter was referred to the secretary of agriculture, Rev. Jas. Wilson.

The first matter taken up at the afternoon session was the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President, A. J. A. Perritt, Lamar.
Vice President, E. W. Dabbs, Mayesville, No. 1.

Secretary-Treasurer, J. Whitner Reid, Columbia.

Chaplain, W. E. Bodie, Wards.
Conductor, W. E. Hopkins, Hopkins.

Doorkeeper, A. F. Calvert, Hodges.
Sergeant-at-arms, W. P. Caskey, Lancaster.

Delegates to national union, B. Harris, Pendleton.

Executive committee, First district, L. C. Padgett, Smoaks, No. 2; Second district, W. R. Parks, Parksville; Third district, J. B. Douthit, Pendleton, No. 2; Fourth district, O. P. Goodwin, Laurens, No. 3; Fifth district, J. F. Nisbet, Lancaster; Sixth district, J. H. Lambers, Marion; Seventh district, B. Kellar, Cameron.

Dr. W. W. Ray offered the following resolution, which called forth many eloquent remarks, and was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas for two years the Hon. B. Harris has given to the cause of the Farmers' Union his best effort, resulting in the wonderful growth of the order; and

"Whereas he has brought to his work a zeal and unselfishness, showing his devotion to the cause of agriculture; therefore, be it

"Resolved, By the Farmers' Union of South Carolina in convention assembled, That the confidence, love and esteem of the South Carolina union be hereby tendered to our retiring president."

The afternoon session was concluded with an eloquent speech from United State Senator E. D. Smith, along lines that are familiar to all union men. Senator Smith has proved himself to be in action as well as in word a friend of the farmer.

The convention of the Farmers' Union went into session at 8:30, the

hour to which it adjourned yesterday afternoon.

Resolutions offered by Alex. D. Hudson were adopted. These indorsed the national union with reference to immigration.

L. L. Baker of Lee County presented resolutions relating to agricultural schools, and the provision for agricultural training school, under the direction of the State Board of Education. The resolutions also called for the trustees and faculty of Clemson College to conduct a summer school during the summer months.

The committee, to which was submitted the question as to whether or not the business agency of the State Union should be continued, reported in favor of its continuance, and J. M. Brogden, of Sumter, was elected State business agent.

The most important matter brought before the convention was contained in the resolutions submitted by W. W. Ray, chairman of the committee on warehouses, to which the whole matter had been referred. These resolutions, which were adopted, are as follows:

"Your committee on warehouses beg leave to report that in our opinion the building of bonded warehouses now being carried on by our brethren in other cotton-growing States, with a view of forming or merging them into State corporation, and then forming trust companies to finance the cotton stored in them, is the proper solution of our marketing of cotton; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we advise our South Carolina union men to proceed at once to build large and up-to-date warehouses at once, that we may get in line with our brethren and do business."

The hour having arrived for the address of President Hightower of the Mississippi division of the Farmers' Union, he was invited by President Perritt to take the rostrum. Mr. Hightower spoke for an hour and a half. His speech was practical and convincing and held the close attention of his audience. It was a most able address, perhaps the best ever delivered by a farmer to farmers, with occasional witticisms that evoked much laughter. The speaker contended that it is useless for the farmer to hope for anything from legislation any longer, although there is always to be found politicians who will promise to make all things right for the farmer if elected to office. It is all a delusion and a snare, and the farmer has awakened to the fact that he must depend on himself if he expects to better his condition.

President Hightower then went fully into the ways and means that the farming class must adopt to do this. It is within the reach of the farmers of the South to control the cotton markets of the world by financing the cotton after it is made.

Confidence and pulling together by the members of the Farmers' Union, just as in other business corporations, will revolutionize the business of buying and selling cotton in this country.

Of course this is the barest outline of what the speaker said, but gives not the faintest idea of his wealth of language and logical processes of reasoning. It is a pity that the general public could not be present to hear what was really a very fine address.

After some other business of minor and of no general interest to the public the convention adjourned to 8:30 this morning.

Slip of the Pen.

Col. Henry Hall, president of the Gridiron club, had an attack of appendicitis in Pittsburg, which is his home city, and was taken to a hospital.

On the first day he was allowed to sit up he wrote to a friend in Washington about an important matter, and closed: "Please excuse haste and bad appendix."—Saturday Evening Post.

His Natural Right.

There is a society in New York that, each year, takes a dozen or so East Side children and gives them the time of their lives for a month at an old farmhouse over in Jersey. The very first thing that takes place upon the arrival of the consignment is a thorough scrubbing.

"Good gracious, Jakey, your bath water is as black as ink," the attendant remarked to a lad at the end of this distressing ceremony. "It is dirtier by far than any of the others."

"Well, ain't I two years older than any of them kids?" Jakey demanded.—Brooklyn Life.

H. L. McElree, a negro preacher of Spartanburg, was convicted in a magistrate's court on a charge of failure to give his mule food and water often enough and given a sentence of \$50 fine or 30 days on the chain-gang.

Bob Givens, a negro longshoreman, was shot to death on Cordes street, Charleston, Friday afternoon by Policeman Burns. Givens resisted arrest and was committing a deadly assault on Policeman Dawson when Burn arrived on the scene and shot to save Dawson's life.

Cheer Up!

(J. Cecil Hoe, in Washington Herald)

There's a tariff on sugar,
A tariff on ice,
A tariff on iron,
A tariff on rice,
A tariff on lemons,
A tariff on tea—
Eut, praise be to Allah,
Salvation's still free!

There's a tariff on razors,
A tariff on soap,
A tariff on leather,
A tariff on rope,
A tariff on coral
That comes from the sea—
Eut, whoop, hallelujah!
Salvation's still free!

There's a tariff on muskets,
A tariff on nails,
A tariff on wash-tubs,
On tin cups and pails;
A tariff on diamonds—
Note Schedule C—
But shout loud, ye mourners!
Salvation's still free!

There's a tariff on pork chops,
A tariff on bread,
A tariff on herrings—
Both live ones and dead;
A tariff on cotton—
See page 53—
But let in the sunshine!
Salvation's still free!

When the Widows Form a Trust.

The widows are to form a trust—the widows who are the wives of Christian Johnson. Johnson is the charmer who married his way to fame. He started in a humble retail way in the East, and then went West, building up a large wholesale business in matrimony. He is now spending a little vacation of seven years in San Quentin prison, where he is the guest of the State of California. For the nonce his many wives are left without a husband.

But they are not cast down. It was a maiden that the poet tells us was "all forlorn," not a widow. And mots of Johnson's wives were widows. He had a weakness for widows, and wherever he found one that had a few thousand dollars in bank he added her to his collection. One of the Johnson group, Mrs. Josephine Henninger, of Oakland, Cal., is a thorough business woman and proposes to deal with the situation in a businesslike way. She plans to hold a reunion of the wives of Mr. Johnson and organize them into a company. The corporation is to elect officers, secure lawyers and proceed through the courts to get back what is left of the money they so trustingly confided to their syndicated husband.

They are also planning to make interesting the future of Mr. Johnson. When he has served out the seven years recently presented him by the judge, each widow claims the pleasure of giving seven years more of the same. In this way Mr. Johnson has before him about 117 years of service in prominent penitentiaries. The widows think that by the time he has worked a hundred years or so he will regret having married not wisely, but too much, and will be ready to quit.

If these widows succeed in forming a widows' trust the men who are still unattached may well tremble. Working single-handed, as they have been doing for generations, one widow is a match for a dozen men. But if they once form a compact organization and adopt trust methods, nothing remains for the men but flight or marriage. With a million widows working in unison, with their spies in every city and their emissaries in every quarter, not one single man will be left; no not one.—Baltimore Sun.

Weather conditions again prevented Orville Wright making his speed last Thursday evening, and consequently disappointed a large crowd of people.

Harry Pulliam, the president of the National League of professional baseball clubs, died Thursday morning at 8 o'clock as the result of a bullet shot through his head. He attempted suicide by "booting himself the night before.

Everybody Will Wear Specs Some Day.

Present statistics show that there is a wonderful increase in the number of people who depend on glasses for good vision. Take enlightened Boston, "The Hub," for instance. There are more people wearing specs there than in any other city of its size. Where learning and progress are, you will find the most people wearing glasses. Are you going to stay behind till you have to have them and then maybe find you have waited too long, that some small trouble has grown on till glasses won't remedy it?

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"I don't think you ought to do it, Joshua," said Mrs. Rawlins. "You don't think I ought to buy it? why not?"

"It would be taking advantage of his necessities."

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