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FAIR WEATHER THIS WEEK.

Weather Bureau Predicts no Unusually High Temperatures.

Washington, July 27.—Except for local thunderstorms, generally fair weather is predicted for the coming week by the weather bureau and no unusually high temperatures are expected.

"A moderate depression now extending from the Lower Missouri Valley northeastward to Lake Superior," said the weekly bulletin tonight, "will move eastward, attended by local thunderstorms during the early days of the week from the Ohio Valley and lower Lake region eastward. The showers will be followed by rising pressure, with fair weather that will probably continue during the remainder of the week."

"Over the Central and Western portions of the country generally fair weather will prevail, although local thunderstorms are probable, early in the week over both slopes of the central and Southern Rock Mountains. A cool wave that now covers the Northwest will spread eastward and southeastward in modified form."

Death.

Mr. C. W. Roberts, a carpenter living on Hasell street, died Saturday night after a short illness. The funeral services were held from the residence Sunday afternoon and were conducted by the Rev. J. N. Tolar. The deceased leaves a wife and one child.

At a fourth of July dinner given by the American Chamber of Commerce in Paris to the members of the American Commission on Agricultural Co-operation, Dr. Clarence J. Owens, Director General, stressed the need of co-operation among farmers. "The experiment of democracy has been carried far enough to establish these facts, he said, that for the development of strength, self-reliance, and resourcefulness within the individual, there is no other form of government comparable with our own. But, secondly, that democracy demands not only a high standard of citizenship, but a poise and balance among the social forces of the republic, between the radical and the conservative. I speak in favor of the sane conservative, the backbone of the nation, of the American farmer."

The movement in which this commission is engaged seeks added strength for our farmers. They are strong, but there have come changes in the organization of civilization today which have strengthened labor, but which our farmers have not adopted. It is the principle of co-operation.

Among capitalists it is called combination. Among laborers unionism. For the farmers we speak of it as co-operation. It is the same thing in principle—the welding together of weaker units for the creation of a stronger whole. The wheelwright and the weaver have been eliminated. The laboring man has increased his individualism, as he has bettered his economic situation. But he uses the force of that individualism to buttress his organization. He has met combination with unionism. Now the farmers have not yet learned this lesson of co-operation. Today within our democracy we have the radical elements of the urban population rapidly gaining in strength through organization while our conservative rural forces remain yoked to the hollow form of an ancient individualism that is not individualism if you measure it by initiative, but which is only disorganization.

The problem is a social one, to better the farmers financially, to increase their control over the marketing of their crops, and to strengthen their position as buyers, in fact, "to weld the farmers of our country into a

coalesced force," through "co-operation and combination, which then must increase their power as a social force within the democracy."

In the State of South Carolina, the situation is not acute as it is in other sections where economic differences between elements of the population are well marked and intense. To stress unduly class consciousness is to bring about an unhealthy state of affairs. Yet each element must know itself, its strength, its potential independence and its necessary dependence. By co-operation among farmers, however, and between this group of workers, on the one hand, and other elements of our life, on the other hand, the best results will accrue to the State. No commonwealth is more ideally placed for a balance to be brought about and maintained among its citizens.

The co-ordination of all forces within the State for the benefit of all, is the purpose of the Conference for the Common Good, to be held in Columbia, August 6—7th, after which the movement will extend to the various counties, which will also hold conferences. In the conference, the needs of the farmers will be given earnest consideration, in an interesting program. Among the speakers will be Clarence Poe, Editor of the Progressive Farmer; A. F. Lever, Chairman of the U. S. House Committee on Agriculture; W. W. Long, State Director of Farm Demonstration Work; W. R. Meadows, government Cotton Technologist, A. P. Bourland, and other public minded men of local and national reputation. For this Conference, the railroads are offering reduced rates.

Are There Any Reasons?

Mr. Editor:

I have read in your columns a number of articles from those who oppose the establishment of the dispensary in Sumter, giving many reasons why it should not be done. These articles were all signed by the writers:

Now, so far, I have not seen an article giving reasons why we should have the dispensary. Is there a man in Sumter who will give such reasons, and sign his name to them? Let us hear at once.
M. B. Randle.

Bagging and Ties

THIS is a subject that is most interesting to every Southern Farmer. There are some things he may be able to get along without, but if he raises cotton he must have Bagging and Ties, and from present prospects a good deal will be needed to wrap the fleecy staple, as the outlook for the growing crop is very encouraging. We have bought quite freely, as is our custom, realizing from past experience that there is nothing to be gained by waiting, and it is our candid opinion that the Farmer who places his order now will save money by doing so.

You may charge us with being too premature, and say you don't want to buy Bagging and Ties until you have a better idea what your crop is going to do, in that case you can place an order for a portion of your requirements and await results.

We will accept your order now for shipment in August, so you will have your goods on hand when you need them, payable October 1st, subject to 7 per cent. per annum discount for anticipation. Our offerings consist of New 2 and 3 lb. Sugar Sack Bagging, and all grades of Jute. We handle only New Arrow Ties.

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