There will be a meeting of the Christian Co-operators at the parlors of the church at 12th and H streets Monday evening mext at 7:80 o'clock. Friends from out of town will be in, and those in town and all in any degree interested in co-operation, are invited to be present. It will not be a business meeting of the corpora-tion but a fellowship meeting, and cooperative plans will be discussed, particularly the plan of the co-operative store for Lincoln. A paper will be read report ing the successful year's work of the Industrial Christian Union at Manistique, Mich., a corporation like our own. Bring all your friends with you.

### Located and at Work

The members of the Christian Corpora tion held a series of meetings, last week, the 14th, 15th and 16th insts. at Lincoin, and after due deliberation made three slight changes in the constitution, adopted by-laws, selected a location eight miles from Lincoln as the center of their farming operations, elected two additional directors, a superintendent of the Agricultural Department and a farm foreman, appointed a committee to devise a plan for starting a co-operative store in Lincoln, and another committee to edit and print a pamphlet containing the constitution and by-laws and a brief setting forth of our reasons for organizing just as we have.

Our two new directors are Brother Victor Erickson and Brother Cook. Presient W. J. Eyestone was the unanimous choice for superintendent of the Agricultural Department, and Brother Erickson was also for the office of farm foreman. The location fixed upon, where permanent improvements are to be started, is the Victor Erickson 200 acre farm. It is now in a superior state of cultivation, but by subsoiling and irrigation works will be brought to the very highest state of cultivation and fertility, and crops incured whether it rains or not.

ides the home farm, given by Brother Erickson and wife, we have a forty acre farm which is leased from the state for sixteen years and in a valuable way improved, Brother Lindholm and wife econtributing their property interest in it; and Brother Eyestone of Rising City, Butler county, also turns in his 200 acre farm finely improved. We have now three farms (altogether 480 acres) under cultivation on which the farm workers of cultivation on which the farm workers of the C. C. will put forth their energies at once, and it is likely that other good farms will be added to the Corporation farm acreage this month. Besides these other land (wild) and houses have been placed at the disposal of the Corporation

At present writing twenty-three adults have joined the Corporation and it numbers, children included, between fifty and sixty souls. Others out of town, quite a er of families, stand ready to join provided for them. A still larger number deeply interested in our organization and will no doubt unite with us in the fall. The interest in the new kind of cor-poration has spread outside the state, as far as Michigan, at least, and when our pamphlet and literature has widely advertised the movement no au.

of families will come to us from other

All who wish to join us, or who at interested and desire to acquaint themselves more perfectly with our planshould send five cents in stamps to Sey mour E. Keene, Sec'y., 1120 M street, Liucoln, Neb., for a copy of our pamphles and application for membership blanks They will be ready inside of ten days or

More than one brother at the close of our Friday evening meeting almost un-consciously remarked, "It is good to be When one professes love, as in the churches, it stirs in men no longer a strong instantaneous affection; but when men do again as they did in the apostles' time, bring in all they have and lay it down in the midst, for all, it melts and unites all hearts.

Whatever is right or just is wise. Whatever is wrong or unjust is present folly, which carries with it evil consequences. Self-seeking is the accepted wisdom of the world; but see what sort of a world it has everywhere made. "A new earth wherein dwelleth righteonsness," or right doing, will not be made by the shrewdly self-seeking, but by those only who live for others, caring for the common interest.

We have been working out a plan for starting co-operation in towns which competition cannot exist beside, co-operation first in the retail mercantile business that will greatly cheapen the cost of retailing goods. The plan when perfected will be perhaps a slight, perhaps a con-siderable, modification of the Rochdale plan. Under competition Lincoln merchants are being forced to the wall. There are several times too many of them. They are savagely cutting each others throats, trying to get enough customers to keep them from bank-ruptcy. The new plan will draw and hold customers in ever increasing number, and so will reduce to the lowest economic cost the labor of handling the sum total of goods that can be purchased.

People who hold on to their property and refuse to be members of this every-day Christian body through fear that we shall not be able to love each other enough to make it safe to give all, all that each has, do not see that it is the actually putting in of our property, all we have and are, which kindles and feeds the great fire of love. Yes, it is safe to perty, with all our labor power. They love with all the heart, with all our proso love will be so loved. Men cannot help returning the love they receive, unless they are brutalized, degraded, encased in ignorance. To thus enrich, abanfrom risk; to love unreservedly is the

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#### OUR PHILOSOPHY. We hold these truths to be self-evident:

That all men created have a right to live and to share equally the abundant natural provisions for a happy existence; that the earth is theirs by common inheritance, for use only, and not for spec-ulation; that because it is the inexhaustplation; that because it is the inexhaustible source of values no equal value can be offered for it, or a part of it, and that therefore no just title of absolute ownership is acquired in it; that it must belong without possible alienation of title to all findividuals of all generations. We hold that the individuals of the race are interdependent, each needing all and hav-ing the power to serve all; that each individual differs in his wants and capabilities from all others, differs not simply in degree, and that he is as much needed by the body politic; as is each member of the human body, to constitute a perfect whole; we hold that self-interest, the good of the individual, is so bound up with society interests, or the interests of all other individuals, that it cannot be preserved apart, that individuals cannot look out for their own interests only, as in the present business and political struggle, without insecurity and immensloss; we hold that there can be no clashing of interests between members of a healthful, naturally organized society. and that in proportion to its numbers through organic unity, will be the measure of individual service, benefits and enjoyments. We hold that each member of society should be equally nourished, equally exercised according to his abilty, and receive equal honor for equal ex-

#### OUR PURPOSES.

Therefore, in order to open the door of opportunity to every individual, to provide employment and secure to the laborer the full product of his toil, to banish the "fear of want," and provide a competency for old age, to establish the brotherhood of man and make possible full obedience to the Divine command, "love thy neighbor as thyself," this cor-

poration is created.

ART. 1.—SEC. 1. The objects of this association shall be to purchase land, erect buildings, institute agricultural, mining, mechanical, manufacturing, and mer-chandising industries, establish schools. libraries and institutions of art and science, and in short operate and main-tain any enterprise achievable by united

effort which may encourage and foster the highest forms of human welfare and of personal freedom.

ART. 2.—SEC. 1. This corporation is organised under article 40 of chapter 16, compiled statutes of Nebraska, 1893; compiled statutes of Nebraska, 1893; with the intention of providing a social organisation for socially, or in common, holding or owning all "means of production and distribution" possessed by its members, the purpose being to substitute the principle of collective or social ownership for that of private ownership in such "means of production and distribution," meaning by these terms all laud, labor and capital, in whatsoever form, used by said corporation in the producused by said corporation in the producinators holding that only by such means, supplemented by the co-operative effort of all members and such substitution of the co-operative system with equal pro-duct sharing, for the competitive system with its absorption of all product in in-terest, rent and net profits, can the great and noble ends set forth above be ob-

### NAME, LOCATION.

Ars. 8.—Sec. 1. This corporation shall be known as the "Christian Corporation," and located in the county of Lancaster, state of Nebraska.

### MEMBERSHIP.

ART. 1 .- SEC. 1. Classification :- The membership of this association shall be divided into two classes, as follows: (1) General members.

(2) Dependent members. SEC. 2. Any person, male or female, of legal age and good moral character, who is willing to diligently work to carry out the objects of the association as above set forth shall be eligible to general membership in this association upon the follow-

A .- He shall affirm his belief in the teachings of Christ. B.-Subscribe to the constitution, by-

ing conditions:

laws and preamble.

C .- Surrender all his possessions to the corporation of whatsoever kind, except his or her personal or domestic effects. D .- Shall pass a satisfactory examination in the principles of co-operation.

E.—He shall receive seven-eighths of all

SEC. 3. Dependent members:-All members of the families of general members under 18 years of age, and all other members depending upon such general members for support shall be classed as dependent members, and entitled to a home in the community and an oppor-

#### tunity to work. OFFICERS.

ART. 1.—SEC. 1. The general members shall annually elect from their number the following officers, to-wit:

President, vice-president, clerk (secretary), treasurer, auditor, and also a board of six directors, or more, who shall be severally heads of the different depart-ments of labor. No person shall hold the same office for two consecutive terms except upon the choice of three-fourths of all the voters. The president of the corporation shall be president of the board of directors, and in case of a tie vote he shall cast the deciding vote.

GOVERNMENT. ART. 6.—Sec. 1. The government of this association shall be by direct legisla-tion, including the Initiative and Referendum and Imperative Mandate. Any measure may be initiated by the petition don ourselves to serve one another, is to create "a new heaven and a new earth" good standing, and be referred to a vote about us: it is not to take but to escape from risk; to love unreservedly is the favor of said measure shall decide in supreme wisdom; it is the attracting, favor of its adoption, except in cases of uniting, infinite force of the moral uniconstitutional amendment and expulsion constitutional amendment and expulsion of members, which shall require a two-thirds vote of all members in good standing. All members shall be required to note on all measures of whatsoever nature that shall be put to a vote of the members. Any member falling to vote on any measure shall be disfranchised for

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Art. 7.—Sec. 1. The books of the ac-ociation shall be open to inspection by sociation shall be open to any member at any time.

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Many who are interested in this department are asking what the legislature is doing. That question is easily answered by simply saying, "nothing for the masses."

Two good insurance bills have been put to sleep and more will follow if the committee ever meets. H. R. 292 was recommended for indefinite postponement early in the session. It provided a plan by which any man could tell just how much was due him from any insurance company at any time he would want to cancel his policy; but as that did not suit the old timers it was knocked out. Our present law is built in such a man-

ner that the skin dollar companies will not give anything back if your policy is two and one-half years old, but some of the foreign companies will give back the amount that the law contemplates. Such

companies are considered honest. H. R. 125 has also been indefinitely postponed. It was calculated to amend Sec. 40, Chap. 43, entitled "Unincorpo-rated Mutuals," and does not allow any agents to be hired; in fact it is calculated to serve as a neighborhood company law; but as it includes hail, and is the only chance for us to insure against hail in a mutual company we are therefore interested in its welfare and would like to have it changed in such a manner that we could put agents in the field and help the farmers to save thousands of dollars

which they now pay to stock companies.

I was told yesterday that a corresponding bill was introduced in the senate. I will look it up and if possible will get it through, but it looks like no such measurements. ure has any chance to get through the house committee. I hope I am mistaken, however.

The hands of the Populist members are completely tied and when they are extremely auxious for any measure they hunt for a conservative Republican to make the fight (there are a few Republicans that are favorable to some good laws being passed.) But all a Populist has to do to kill a good measure, is to fight for it.

The principal things that have taken the minds of the twenty-fourth session are adjournments, junketings and slap-the-pops-in-the-face.

H. R. 246 is a good bill as it allows the

people in towns and cities to organize a mutual company and insure themselves just as the farmers are doing now. This bill was before the house committee two weeks ago last Tuesday and by a vote of 5 to 4 it was recommended to pass; but at this time the committee has not yet made its report to the house and t until they have another meeting, but the chairman fails to make the announcement. One member of that committee has changed his mind since the committee voted to recommend its passage, and is now on the other side. We may in the future have more to say

on this subject. But for the present I will only say, that the committee by its majority, has a peculiar way of doing business. I do not condemn the whole com-

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#### THE MARKETS. KARRAS CITY, Mo. Feb. 19 -Receipts of

wheat to day, 12 cars a year ago, 61 cars Car lots by sample on track, Kansas City, at the close were quoted nominally as follows: No 2 hard, 520: No 3 hard, 510: No 4 hard, 500 rejected, 470 No 2 red, 520: No. 3 red. 51c No. 4 red. 50c rejected, 47 a48c Receipts of corn to-day, 46 cars a year ago, 63 cars Sales by sample on track, Kansas City: No. 2 mixed corn, 3 cars 40c, 12 cars 10%c: No. 3 mixed 1 car 39%c: No. 4 mixed, nominally 39c: No. 2 white, 13 cars 40%c. No. OATS-Were unchan;ed There was not

Receipts of oats to-day,3 cars a year ago,11

cars Sales by sample on track Kansas City:
No 2 mixed oats, 1 car 2940, No.
3 nominally, 274@23c No 4 nominally,
27c No 2, white oats, nominally 51c No 3. white, nominally, 30c
RYB-Firm: No 2, nominally, 52c: No 3, 48a

PLANSEED-Dull nominally, \$1.30 21.31, according to billing BRAN-Dull, 64 265c per cwt sacked CORN COOP-Dull, 77 280c per owt sacked HAT—Receipts, 44 cars. The market was steady. Timothy, fancy, 49 50. choice, 85@8 50; No. 1, 47.50@8; clover, mixed, 86@85; low grade, 46@7.50 fancy prairie, 48@8 50; choice, 87@7.53; No. 1, 86@6 52; No. 2, 84.50@8.50; packing hay, 84.51@4 50.

Chicago Board of Trade. CHICAGO, Feb 19 - The following table

Feb 18	Op'nd	Hiệt	Lo'st	Feb.	Feb.
WHEAT Feb	49% 52% 53	50 % 52% 58%	49% 51% 58	50% 52% 53%	69 % 52 % 53 %
CORN- Feb May July	42%	42% 44%	4214 435 435	42% 44%	43 h
OATS- Feb May July	2814	29 27%	28% 28% 27%	28 29 27%	28 h
PORK- Feb		10 10	10 10	10 10	9 90
LARD- Feb	6 40	6 40	6 40	6 40	6 40
S RIBS-Feb	5 17%	5 175	5 17%	5 17% 5 35	5 10 5 27 4
July	4 45	0 47 14	0 42%	5 475	0.01

Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 12 -Cattle-Re ceipts, 3,620 caives, 43 shipped yesterday, L165 cattle. The receipts were rather light and the market opened active and loc higher on nearly everythin: The supply was largely in the quarantine division.

Dressed beef and export steers, \$3.45@4.83;

cows and heifers. \$2.25 \$3 60 Western steers, 88 25@4 15 Texas and Indian steers, \$2 66 24.20 stockers and feeders, 82 25 g3. mixed, 83.85

note—Receipts to-day, 4,035 shipped yesterday, 1,089 The market was active and 5 cents higher on all wel hts. The supply was light and packers were out early and eager to buy. The top was \$4.5 and the bulk \$6.70 to \$2.80, against \$4 for top and \$1.70 to \$2.85 for hulk Saturday.

for bulk Saturday.

Sheep — Receipts since Saturday, 236
shipped Saturday, 531 The market was
steady with Saturday's close, but trade was slow. The run was light being less than six loads. One thousand head were billed direct to Swift and two cars had been sold Saturday. Those on the market were all Western fed. lowing are representative sales: 239 Mexican yearlings, 84 lbs ... 6 15
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250 lambs, 86 lbs ... 3 53
250-tambs, 92 lbs ... 3 46



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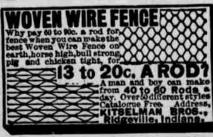




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