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CONUENSED REPORT OF THE MONTH LY MEETING

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The monthly meeting of the Christian Corporation was held at 1120 M street Saturday evening last.

The following persons, whose applications had been acted on by the examin ing committee and board of directors, were elected members, to-wit: Mrs. Ella A. Keene, Mr. H. C. Hanson and W. D. Seighman, to engage in work for the Corporation immediately; and Rev. R. C. Hardin, A. S. Miller, A. E. Tracy, Chas. S. Wells, W. M. Dorr, C. M. Tucker, Lizzie Tucker, S. H. Erickson and Carrie W. Erickson to membership, but to come when the board shall call for them. Rev. Hardin and Brother A. S. Miller are living at Whittier, Neb.; Brother Tracy is at Kearney; Brother Wells is in Missouri; Brother Dorr in South Omaha; Brother and Sister Tucker and Sister Keene in Iowa; Brother and Sister Erickson in Ceresco, Neb., and the others are here at Lincoln, or on then Erickson farm. The application of Brother Swanson, being in one respect incomplete, will be acted on at our next meeting. By accident or slip of memory in providing blanks, the oral applications of Brother Anderson and wife of Ceresco could not at the same time be acted on, but they will be voted on at our next meeting.

The Corporation voted to authorize President Eyestone to expend a limited sum for an irrigation plant on the Lindbolm place. The secretary was also instructed to call Brother Miller and wife to the colony. After transacting some other business the meeting adjourned.

Crops are planned for the truck farm of 40 acres three miles from town, for the larger home farm of 200 acres eight miles from town, the 240 Eventone farm in Butler county, and for the Erickson and Anderson farms of 80 acres each near Ceresco. 18 miles from Lincoln. Work upon all these is progressing, and the rain has put the land in good condition.

The co-operative store enterprise is be ing pushed, also, in Lincoln.

## National Revenue

With the exception of the "Income Tax" the Populist platform is silent in regard to national revenues. The matter is of prime importance and the oversight is remarkable. Heretofore the aim of our statesmen has been to collect revenue on the lines of least resistance irrespective of justice.

As reformers we should seek for the provision of this fund along the lines of the strictest economy and equality. If such a provision can be made without the odious features of a tax, would In liability: But the wheels go round uncensingly

Electric lights have superceded my use fulness; still my corner is very pleasant. A beautiful tree casts its shade over me in summer, and in winter, am sheltered from the northern blasts, by the large house on the north corner. A drug store occupies the south corner, a saloon the east and a black-smith shop the west. There goes a friend of mine; the little girl with a shawl over her head; she carries a lunch to the blacksmith shop every day at noon, a man, who seems to be all arms and leather apron, meets her at the door, twines those long arms around her and leaves a smutty spot on her rosy cheek. And there comes another special

friend; the little woman with a red feather in her hat. I caa always tell the mood she is in by the movement of that feather. Aud goodness, what a moody thing she is, never two days in the same humor. Her companion, today, is a big, fat, meek looking sort of a man. Mercy, by the wave of that feather, this is one of her political days, just hear her! "Of course I believe in the prohibition of the liquor traffic; what true woman does not? But



it not commend itself?

If mankind were infinite in creative power manual labor would be eliminated and want would cease to exist.

The genius of invention is constantly employed to reduce it to a minimum and the world renders hearty approval.

The power to create money we possess, why not employ it? Nay more, are we not culpably stupid if we do not?

Why tax the people with tariff, or in-terest bearing bonds, without cause?

A legal tender paper dollar has the same security back of it as a bond; why not authorize the secretary of the treasury to cause to be printed and issue such money in payment of current expenses? We should purchase such money with our labor, but it would be exchangeable for labor again, and the reverse of the present feeling would follow; we would be as anxious to cancel the obligation as we now are to avoid it.

When such a system is contrasted with our present mode of raising revenue, is it not a wonder the people do not get their eyes open not only to its justice, but to the equality of its bearings upon all

It is a mode that would infuse life and vigor into our national existence, in-stead of being a dead weight upon labor, which all other plans yet adopted really

Direct taxation, as in the income tax, is adroitly shifted, in a great measure, from the shoulders of wealth to the backs of the great plain people; while a tax up-on consumption regardless of income, is one of the most heartless methods the cruelty of mankind ever established in a civilized country. We have creative power to adjust this matter equitably, rob it of its obnoxious features, and make it an absolute blessing by the ad-dition of a fresh volume of currency yearly. C. H. KING. Sherman County Nebraska.



The stock market respond to improving influences more readily than any department of business. A considerable and well distributed advance in prices was established, due, in part, as usual, to clique operations, but mainly to bettered conditions. Among these favorable influences were efforts for a closer understanding between the anthracite combines. The Western bituminous producers [mine-owners-God produced the coal and defrauded laborers mine it] came to an advantageous settlement some time ago, and this was urged as a eason for a prompt agreement among Eastern managers. We clip the above from the stock

market report of March 28, found in the New York Independent. Thinking over this matter of fact news statement concerning cliques, combines and closer understandings is all that is needed to make Populists of all sensible citizens.

the modes of circulating the money, is what ought to be righted first. I will even admit that the enfranchisement of women is a side issue, and that is more than could be expected of a fanatic. But while we are rolling the ball to the front; we must keep the lesser lights somewhere within sparkling distance. Now here is one that needs pussing to the front. I refer to the initiative and referendum. The time has come when legislative bodies ignore the wants of the people. But we coulp catch them, with the in-itiative and referendum; which is the enactment of laws, formulated and presented by petition, to the legislature, by a portion of the people, to be referred back again to all the people, at the next annual election. By doing this the people retain their sovereignty. If all laws, (with the exception of appropriations and certain emergencies,) were referred back to the people, it would do away with class legislation. For the all would never vote to benefit the few. It would do away with party affiliations. It would virtually make, (what we used to think we had, but have not,) a government by the people; and, sir, when we do get a

They have stopped on my corner and

power from the governor and president

too long?" said the meek man.

"No, the ballot could be printed with the number only, then a book containing the text of the laws placed in every post office in the land."

ent mode of printing congressional records, only we, no, you, (I am not one of the people, but only a woman,) would distribute them, not send two or three dozen to some lawyer to be used for footstools and kindling wood. (Applause by the little girl with a shawlover her head.) The referendum would do away with laws which are so obscurely worded that half the legislators themselves don't know what they mean.

"Sometimes it takes the supreme court court several years to find out the mean-ing thereof. But if the common people were to be the judge, it would be to the best interest of the formulator of a law, to make it simple and plain. There is no great subject but can be clothed in language so simple that any of us can understand it,-any of you men can understand it,-it is not necessary for me to understand it, cause I can't vote any how.'

"For which I am truly thankful," said the meek man.

Then the red feather actually stood on end and light flashed from my little woman's eyes. MRS. E. M. SHROAT.

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