

Farmers' Unions Throughout State Have Good Year

Reports From Local Organizations Show Increased Membership and Large Profits.

Creighton—The year just closed was a very prosperous one for Spring Vale local of the Farmers' union near here, according to E. E. Seacrist, secretary-treasurer. Not only did the local succeed in recruiting several of its old members, but several new ones were added. Mr. Seacrist reports that every farmer in the neighborhood is now a member of the local.

Omaha—The net profit or surplus saving of the Farmers Union Stock exchange for the year 1924 was \$20,447.92, C. McCarthy, the manager, has announced. This net profit was shown in spite of a reduced margin of gross profit. Mr. McCarthy says, partly because of increased sales, and partly because of a reduction in operating expenses. Shareholders of the State exchange will hold their annual meeting January 15, following the state convention of the Farmers union.

A new world record in low cost of handling live stock by a co-operative agency was made in 1924 by the Farmers Union Live Stock commission in Omaha, officials of the Farmers union declare. This house, according to the annual report of C. H. Withey, manager, handled 12,521 cars of live stock in the year, at an average cost of \$4.69 per car. In the previous year, it handled 10,179 cars, at an average cost of \$4.75 per car, the world record up to that time. Commissions collected by the house in 1924 totaled \$184,631.28, and expenses amounted to \$58,720.91, leaving a net saving of \$125,910.37. Interest on the savings accumulated brought the total surplus for the year up to 71.6 per cent of the commissions collected, which will be returned to eligible patrons as a patronage dividend.

Hoskins Has Surplus.

Hoskins—The Farmers Union Co-operative association of this place, which handles farm implements, twine, and other warehouse commodities, closed the fiscal year ending December 16, 1924, with a net profit of \$87,555. Sales for the year were \$38,474.42. This association has a surplus of \$1,375.83 giving it a net worth that much greater than its paid-up share capital of \$12,200.00. Current assets are well in excess of current liabilities, which shows a high degree of solvency. Simon Strate, a farmer, is manager of the business.

Large Profit Shown.

Nobara—A net profit of \$8,695.49 in the elevator department, and \$24,535 in the store department, was the showing made by the Farmers' Union Co-operative association here in the year ending December 31, 1924. The annual statement prepared by the Farmers' union audit department shows that the association is in excellent financial condition. With a paid-up share capital of \$55,450, it has a present worth of \$64,989.77. Current assets are \$44,268.01, and current liabilities only \$5,447.53. Allen L. Stinson is manager of the store, and Frank Ulrich is manager of the elevator.

Krider—The Farmers' union elevator association here, which was in financial straits a few years ago, is now in a flourishing condition. A surplus of \$4,207.25 has been built up, in addition to the paid-up share capital of \$5,250. Each \$25 share now has back of it assets to the amount of \$145.92. In the fiscal year ending December 31, 1924, the association made a net profit of \$3,456.81, on a volume of wheat and corn amounting to \$126,593.82. J. S. Cacek, the manager, was commended for this good showing by the Farmers' union auditor, who prepared the annual statement.

Four Wolves Killed.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Deshler, Neb., Jan. 11.—Four wolves were captured and three broke through the ring at a wolf hunt southeast of this place today. The wolves were sold at auction for \$20.75. One hundred rabbits slain during the hunt will be sent to the Salvation Army in Lincoln for distribution to the needy, the railroad shipping them free. There will be another hunt in the same vicinity, Friday, January 16.

Meat Market Purchased.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Deshler, Neb., Jan. 11.—William Wilkening, formerly with the general store of Steves and company and Charles Melner, a young farmer of this vicinity, have purchased and taken possession of the Deshler meat market, formerly owned by Louis Koerwitz.

Merrick County Pioneer Dies.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Central City, Neb., Jan. 11.—R. Skow, resident of Merrick county since 1854, died at his home in this city Wednesday. He was 88 and but recently he and Mrs. Skow celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary. Mr. Skow is survived by his wife and 11 children.

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The Daily Cross Word Puzzle

By RICHARD H. TINGLEY.

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 - 9—Sign of the Zodiac
 - 10—Land measure
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 - 12—Songs of joy
 - 13—Roman coin
 - 14—Musical note
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 - 16—King of Bashan
 - 17—Myself
 - 18—Small fish
 - 19—A bone
 - 20—Part of the hind limb of an animal
 - 21—Feed
 - 22—Attenuated
 - 23—Sulk
 - 24—Exclamation
 - 25—Plural of that
 - 26—Comparative degree (suffix)
 - 27—Swelling of the eyelid
 - 28—Open (poetic)
 - 29—Tavern
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- 1—Malicious burning of property
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Solution of yesterday's puzzle.

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FRANCE SUMMONS IBANEZ TO TRIAL

Paris, Jan. 11.—Blasco Ibanez may be expelled from France if he is found guilty of "slandering a friendly power," in his pamphlet against King Alfonso after appearing in answer to that charge Monday in a Paris court. The government has undertaken the prosecution at the request of the Spanish government, and it is understood that Primo De Rivera, the Spanish dictator, personally appealed to Secretary of State Hughes in an attempt to start a similar prosecution in America.

Mr. Hughes is understood to have refused on the ground that American press is entitled to a complete liberty of opinion.

Great Grandchild Born on Golden Wedding Day

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Central City, Neb., Jan. 11.—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wolcott, prominent residents of this city, celebrated their golden wedding at their home Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Wolcott came to Merrick county 47 years ago.

An event of interest connected with the anniversary was the receipt of word of the birth of the first great grandchild, the young lad having made his appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morrow in the state of Idaho.

Pastor to New Field.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Central City, Neb., Jan. 11.—Dr. Thomas F. B. Smith, pastor of the local Presbyterian church for the last seven years, preached his farewell sermon Sunday prior to departing for Junction City, Kan., where he has accepted the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church. Dr. Smith has been a great asset to the Presbyterian church during his ministry here and his going has occasioned regret, not only to his congregation but to the rank and file of the people of Central City.

Snow Plow at Work.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Bloomfield, Neb., Jan. 11.—Knox county's big snow plow is now at work on the county roads. It is now operating on the Meridian highway north of Wausa, the state road from Creighton north and from the same town east having already been cleared of the snow. Where the roads were drifted the worst, the plow had to go over the ground two or three times.

Printer Retires.

Harvard, Neb., Jan. 11.—After having been foreman of the mechanical department of the Courier, local weekly, for many years, Hart A. Mickel, veteran printer, has announced that he will no longer help "get out" the paper.

He plans on more leisure for work about his home greenhouse, which has been under the management of his wife.

The Mickels recently took over the job work end of the Courier under the firm name of H. A. Mickel & Son.

Ice Harvest Completed.

Bloomfield, Neb., Jan. 11.—The local ice harvest has been completed and a fine supply of ice has been stored away for next summer's use. The ice is from 24 to 26 inches thick and is clear as crystal all the way down, this on account of the fact that the weather remained cold all the time and there was no thawing and freezing, which always muddies the quality of the ice.

Bond Financing Record Broken; Utilities Ahead

American Telephone and Telegraph Heads List With \$125,000,000; Tax Exempts Show Strength.

New York, Jan. 11.—All records for new financing were broken last week when the total of bond offerings amounted to \$243,000,000. This eclipsed the previous weekly record of \$235,395,000 established in the week ended January 12, 1923, and reported an increase over the preceding week of approximately \$238,000,000.

Timed to meet the usual January reinvestment demand, the new issues were promptly absorbed, subscriptions in some cases exceeding two or three times the amount of the offering.

Public utility financing bulked largest, the American Telephone and Telegraph company heading the list of offerings with a \$125,000,000 issue of 5 per cent debentures. The low interest charge gave the corporation a better credit rating than most foreign governments which recently have borrowed here and the offering was several times oversubscribed. A \$30,000,000 note issue was sold for the Edison Electric Illuminating company of Boston.

Corporation Bonds Recover.

At the same time an unusually large volume of tax exempt securities was disposed of as savings banks and other institutions renewed buying on a large scale. In addition to about \$50,000,000 in new issues of this class, it was estimated that more than \$100,000,000 worth of state and municipal bonds held over from last year were marketed during the week. Prices were shaded in many cases to clear dealers' shelves.

Although new financing overshadowed all other developments in bond circles, the effects of reinvestment buying were reflected in a moderate appreciation of prices in bond trading and an expansion in the volume of dealings. The ease of money rates was a contributing factor, influencing renewed accumulation of standard investment issues. For the first time in several weeks, Liberty bonds moved to higher levels.

Another feature of trading was the recovery in bonds of corporations which have been in the process of reorganization such as the Virginia Carolina Chemical company, Wilson & Co. and the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad company. Many convertible bonds spurred upward in the trail of stocks, conspicuous examples being the New York Central convertible debentures and Federal Light & Traction 7s.

Germans Assisted.

Further financial assistance by American bankers to German industry was given last week through the offering of a \$12,000,000 note issue for the August Thyssen Iron and Steel works. Negotiations also were started for a loan of about \$7,500,000 to the Haniel corporation, another Ruhr industrial factor. Assurances that new financing will continue in large volume are given by the scheduled offerings of all or a major part of a \$50,000,000 consolidated gas bond issue, a \$10,000,000 note issue for the C. C. company and several other corporation loans.

Several public utility companies will turn to stock offerings for new financing. The Public Service Electric and Gas company of New Jersey will sell \$15,000,000 6 per cent cumulative preferred stock and the Knoxville and Light company 5,000 shares of 7 per cent cumulative preferred at \$9 a share.

FAMOUS PLAYERS TO LOSE DE MILLE

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 11.—Confirmation of a report that Cecil B. De Mille, director general of the Famous Players-Lasky corporation, has retired from that organization to enter the independent field was given at De Mille's offices here.

No definite announcement was made of future plans of De Mille, who had been associated with Famous Players-Lasky for 12 years. A statement issued here as coming from De Mille said he would continue production but his associates will not be made known at this time.

De Mille's withdrawal was the outcome of an amicable agreement.

And another good way to prolong convalescence is to call on your sick friend and chatter incessantly for an hour or so at each bedside.

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Realty Board's Reports Show Year of Activity

Advertising Campaign, City Planning, Furthurance of River Drive Project Among Achievements.

Report from 13 standing committees of the Omaha real estate board, filed with the retiring president, Mark Martin, December 31, showed a year of activities and accomplishments which realtors say was second to none in the history of the board.

A brief summary of the committees' reports follows:

Appraisal.—This committee appraised 110 pieces of Omaha and Nebraska real estate during the year, the total appraised value being \$1,177,717. These appraisals included the real estate owned by the George Houghland estate, the Hugh McCaffrey estate and the George Warren Smith estate. The value of property appraised in 1923 was \$2,230,844, for 84 properties and the figure in 1924 was \$983,463.68 for 110 properties.

The report of the committee contained an advertisement against the promiscuous giving of affidavits regarding values, the statement referring to real estate men who give persons affidavits regarding property values to be used in court.—The committee chairman is W. R. McFarland.

Advertising Committee.

This committee reported in 1924 "the largest cooperative and community advertising campaign ever conducted by the organization, and the committee believes it was the largest campaign of its kind ever conducted in Omaha."

The campaign included a weekly advertisement ranging in size from a quarter of a page to a full page, there were also 15 supplemental advertisements in Sunday newspapers. The campaign, all of which was run in the Omaha daily newspapers, cost \$1,115.50 and was paid for by realtors, real estate brokers, real estate men and the Omaha Grain exchange. The committee reported that the campaign was awarded first prize in a national competition conducted in 1924 by the National Association of Real Estate Boards.—The committee chairman is J. Shuler.

Arbitration Committee.

This committee reported that eight cases were heard during the year, one being a case of litigation between realtors, and the committee believes that between the public and realtors. In the case of the litigation between the public and realtors, the realtors were found to be in the right in five of the cases and in error in two of the cases. In all of these "court" cases the committee's recommendations were accepted.—The committee chairman is C. F. Harrison.

City Planning and Civic Improvement Committee.

These two committees made a joint report. The report told of the activities in behalf of the St. Mary avenue opening and extension and the campaign for the river parkway and driveway and the further campaign for their adoption by the voters.

The report showed joint cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and the city council in the campaign to have the river parkway and drive bonds approved. The committee also made the following acknowledgments:

The results which your committee are able to report probably could not have been obtained this year had it not been for the personal assistance rendered by Commissioner Koutsky and the personal cooperation of the entire city commission.—The committee chairman are C. D. Giever and C. A. Grimmel.

Entertainment Committee.

This committee's report told of the mid-summer picnic held in Elmwood park, when the real estate board entertained its members and their families together with the children who took garden contest prizes and the children's games.—The committee chairman is Edward F. Williams.

Garden Committee.

This committee reported on a city-wide garden contest among public and parochial school children all over Omaha. The report showed 4,530 gardens started according to the signed application of children, and 885 of these gardens finally entered by committee members at the close of the contest. The prize list included six Shellbark and numerous other cash and trophy prizes.—The committee chairman is W. T. Graham.

Good Roads Committee.

This committee reported activities in behalf of the good roads movement in Omaha in Bellevue, the placing of more than 30 memberships in the Nebraska Good Roads association, and adoption by the real estate board of the six-year

A Wife's Confessional

by Adele Garrison



I had been astonished at Lee-Chow's knowledge of our family affairs, but this last calm statement revealing not only what I knew, but something which I only had surmised, left me in much the state of a fish thrown upon the land.

So Mother Graham had made an appointment to meet the mysterious tramp in the wood-land back of the house. Subconsciously, of course, I had known this ever since her imperative demand for one hundred dollars which I had brought her but a few hours before, and which even while asleep she clutched in the pocket of her gown. I had resolved also that I would go with her. But Mother Graham had told me nothing concerning any such appointment, nor had she breathed my knowledge to her. How in the name of all that was occult and mysterious had the Chinese found out this thing?

No time was given me for conjecture, however, for Lee Chow was speaking again, softly, but with a note of finality in his monotonous voice:

"Misses Graham don't walk any more out here, not have children walk out here till tomorrow 10 o'clock."

I made the mental comment that this must be the hour Mother Graham had planned for her appointment before I answered him.

"No," I promised sincerely. "No body will come out here until then."

"That's very good," he permitted himself a little break in the monotone which had invested his voice. "Now will boss lady blow whistle again, please?"

With the feeling that I was cutting a rather ridiculous figure, I put the whistle to my lips and blew it. Once more the two Chinese rose from the ground.

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"Why Misses Graham want to know?" he inquired.

The question echoed and re-echoed in my brain before I answered it. I hesitated to put into words the real reason for my query.

"Why, he was a very dear friend of mine," I parried. "Naturally I am anxious to know where he is."

Lee Chow shook his head slowly. "Not good," he said. "If Misses Graham want help big boss man, go hunt him. I tell her."

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Prices of Farm Products Continue at High Level; Stock Market Strong; Money Rates Low.

New York, Jan. 11.—Fair weather, you might say, excellent weather, if the reading from the business barometer. Prices of farm products are maintained at a good and, in some instances, exceptionally high level. Every bushel of wheat and rye America has to spare apparently will be taken by foreign markets. Grain prices are close to the highest of the fiscal year.

Cotton exports are 1,150,000 bales in excess of this time last year, with a decrease in the visible supply of American for the first time in five months.

The stock market continues extraordinarily active and exceptionally strong. Figures of United States Steel fulfilled tonnage as of December indicated a greater demand than generally supposed for steel products. This would indicate wider activity in many industries interrelated with steel.

Copper men have little cause for complaint. Foreign and domestic demand increases constantly and present prices for the metal insure good profits to producers.

The oil people are not wholly clear of trouble, but indications point to much better times soon in the industry.

Merchandise have been doing well. According to the government reports the sales of 374 department stores in December averaged 4 per cent greater than in December, 1923.

Rice, Stix & Co., of St. Louis, say orders last week show an increase. They cover a wide territory. The shares of mail order houses, department stores, corporations and merchandises generally have been booming on the stock exchange.

While the textile industry outlook has been improving as to trade, the labor situation in that line in New England continues threatening. New Bedford cotton manufacturers association has voted to reduce wages 10 per cent, effective January 15. This would affect 40,000 operatives.

Coincidentally with this announcement Hitchcock & Co., of Boston report some of the shrewdest people in the industry buying control of mill properties.

Money rates continue very low. While speculation has been extensive in stock, cotton and grain markets, the savings bank and building and loan deposits and bond sales indicate a great increase in the nation's thrift.

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