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**A WARNING TO MOTHERS**

The White Ribbon Bulletin, a W. C. T.U. paper, published in North Dakota, has a recent article discussing the many preparations advertised for keeping babies quiet. After pointing out that some popular tonics are really liquor in disguise, the editor says:

Let us look at another class of nostrums, and one of the most heartless of all. I refer to the "baby killers" and here is a list of them:

- Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup—morphine.
- Children's Comfort—morphine.
- Dr. Frey's—morphine.
- Dr. Fahrney's Teething Syrup—morphine and chloroform.
- Dr. Grove's Anodyne for Infants—morphine.
- Dr. Fowler's Strawberry and Peppermint—morphine.
- Hooper's Anodyne, Infants' Brand—morphine.
- Jadway's Elixior for Infants—Codein.
- Dr. James' Soothing Syrup—Morphin.
- Koepf's Baby's Friend—morphine.
- Dr. Miller's Anodyne for Babies—morphine and chloral.
- Dr. Moffet's Teethina—powdered opium.
- Victor's Infant Relief—Chloroform and Canabis Indica.

A goodly list of baby killers indeed. They are properly termed baby killers for they are all that and more. You will notice that they almost all contain opium or its alkaloids, while some contain chloroform, chloral and canabis indica—all dangerous drugs in the hands of the unskilled. Many a poor little infant has been quieted, but with the quietness which knows no awakening, by the unconscious hand of the one who gave it birth. It is a well recognized fact in medical practice that young children are peculiarly susceptible to the action of opium or its derivatives. So true is it that the qualified physician hesitates to prescribe these drugs for children, and seldom does unless he is able to supervise the administration himself or has a competent person in charge. In spite of this well known fact, it is permitted that these dangerous preparations be fraudulently advertised and placed on sale and the mothers of this state furnished the means of innocently poisoning their own off-spring. Yes, mothers, the soothing syrup will quiet your babies. We look upon the saloon keeper as having descended low in the business scale, but he is a prince along side of these purveyors of soothing syrups. This is strong language I am using, but I feel that I am not doing the subject justice. These are facts and not fancies, people. What do you think of it?

**SEED GRAIN**

We wish to advise all our readers that reduction of freight rates on seed grain will again go into effect on January 1, 1913, and continue until May 31. The reduced rate will be one-half of the regular rates, either on carloads or less. Many of you have first-class clean grain this year, good enough for seed. You can realize from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per bushel more by selling it for seed than by marketing it in the usual manner. Let the other readers of The Guide know what you have by advertising on the classified page. For rates, etc., see page 16.

# The Grain Growers' Guide

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The Guide is designed to give uncolored news from the world of thought and action and honest opinions thereon, with the object of aiding our people to form correct views upon economic, social and moral questions, so that the growth of society may continually be in the direction of more equitable, kinder and wiser relations between its members, resulting in the widest possible increase and diffusion of material prosperity, intellectual development, right living, health and happiness.

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## Manitoba Convention Call

The tenth annual convention of the Grain Growers' association will be held in the City Hall, in Brandon, on January 8, 9 and 10, 1913. The convention will open at 9.00 a.m. for the registration of delegates, and the business will commence at 10.30. Every branch is entitled to send one delegate for every ten members, who will be entitled to vote for the election of officers and any questions that come up before the convention. Branches are also entitled to appoint any number of associate delegates, who will have the rights and privileges of the convention, with the exception of voting and introducing motions. Arrangements are made with railway companies for delegates and their wives to secure standard certificates on purchasing one full fare ticket to Brandon. If one hundred or more delegates are at the convention they will receive return ticket free. All delegates, whether regular or associate, are required to register their names, regular delegates submit their credentials and present their standard certificates for signature and endorsement of the secretary of convention, and this standard certificate must be presented to the railway agent at least ten minutes before the train on which they travel is due to leave. Railway fares of all regular delegates will be equalized as in former years. In order to take advantage of this equalization delegates must all register and leave their certificates with secretary on the first day. If proper arrangements can be effected a banquet will be given by the Grain Growers on Thursday evening. The toast list will comprise of transportation, manufacturers, agriculture and commercial interests, and sister organizations, to which representatives of those interests are expected to reply.

It is specially urged that delegates to the convention will as much as possible take advantage of single fare rate to bring their wives to the convention. The part of one evening will be given to a lady speaker, and if sufficient number of ladies attend the convention, a special meeting will be arranged for ladies the following day for the discussion of domestic and household organization. Although the programme is not yet definitely completed, it is expected that Wednesday evening will be devoted to public addresses on social and economic questions.

Thursday morning, the inspection of grain and sample market. Thursday afternoon, election of directors and discussions on resolutions relating to wider markets, lower tariffs and British preference. Thursday evening, banquet.

Friday forenoon, resolutions and discussion on resolutions dealing with direct legislation, single tax and co-operation. The time for each session not occupied by discussion on those special questions and Friday afternoon and evening will be devoted to other resolutions that delegates desire to bring before the convention.

The following motions will be discussed at the convention and are submitted to the branches for consideration so as to instruct their delegates.

"That we view with alarm the prevailing practice of the C.P.R. of periodically issuing stock shares to shareholders at a price largely below their market value, apparently without authority from Parliament or consent of the government, thus enormously increasing the capitalization of the road without providing any capital for extension, or betterments of its transportation facilities, furnishing a pretext for maintaining excessive freight charges for all time to provide interest on this inflated capital, and further, whatever justifications existed for granting aid to railways during the initial development of the country, it is our opinion that we have now reached a stage in the development of the country when necessary transportation facilities can be provided on a strictly commercial basis, without any form of aid from governments.

**Reciprocal Demurrage**

"That this meeting of the directors of the Grain Growers' association views with satisfaction the action taken by D. D. Campbell before the board of railway commissioners, with regard to railway demurrage as between the railway companies and the shipper, and believes that if the proposals of Mr. Campbell are conceded by the railways commission it would be an instalment of justice much appreciated by the shipper of farm produce in Western Canada. Whereas the operation of the farm is handicapped in Manitoba for need of sufficient suitable labor, both for the farm and home, and whereas it is reported that a plentiful supply of such labor and domestic servants is available in Britain, if the fares are advanced. Therefore be it resolved that this convention instruct the board of directors of the central association to establish a bureau for supplying farm laborers and domestic help to the members of the association, on an advanced fare basis, both on yearly engagements and short term engagements for the summer, also harvest help. And further, that the directors be authorized to make financial provision for the maintenance of the bureau and placing it on a self sustaining basis.

This is a very important resolution, and it is the desire of the board of directors that every branch discuss the proposal and make some suggestions to the convention how the bureau when established shall be maintained and financed.

Credential certificates for delegates will be sent to the secretaries in blank. If for some reason the certificates do not reach in time, give the delegates a certificate of identification signed by the secretary and they will be recognized by the credential committee.

R. MCKENZIE,  
Secretary.

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Sometimes in error we send a notice of expiration and request for renewal to a subscriber who is already paid up. We endeavor not to make such errors, but they do occur. We only ask that when such errors occur a postcard be sent to us pointing out the error and it will immediately be rectified.

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**TO CELEBRATE PEACE**

London, Dec. 22.—Few public movements in England have enlisted the approval and support of so large a number of prominent men as the plan for a joint international celebration of the hundredth anniversary of peace among English-speaking peoples.

The meeting held at the Mansion house in London, Wednesday, over which Earl Grey, the former governor-general of Canada, presided, was the first public announcement of the project on this side of the Atlantic.

The list of vice-presidents embraces one hundred names. Mr. Asquith, the prime minister, Sir Edward Grey, secretary of state for foreign affairs, and eleven other members of the cabinet, head the list, followed by the principal members of the last Conservative ministry, Andrew Bonar Law, the leader of the Unionist party, and J. Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the labor party.

The church is represented by the archbishop of Canterbury, Cardinal Bourne, the heads of the various nonconformist Protestant bodies, and bishops of the Church of England, science and art by the chancellors of the universities, the heads of royal societies and various other important personalities in the domains.

The lord mayors and mayors of principal cities, the governors of many colonies, former colonial administrators, prominent among them Lord Cromer, the Earls of Elgin and Minto, and Lord Roberts, Lord Rothschild and Lord Beresford, complete the list.

The general committee of supporters include many names prominent in literature, science, journalism, finance and commerce.

One of the projects of the English committee for this celebration is the purchase of Sulgrave Manor, the old home of the Washington family, which still stands in a good state of preservation. It is hoped also to place a bust of George Washington in Westminster Abbey.

**LAND REFORM FOR ENGLAND**

London, Dec. 24.—According to the National Weekly, the government is framing, on the results of Chancellor Lloyd George's private inquiry into the land system, a policy of land reform which will revolutionize the conditions of rural life in England.

A great political campaign will begin in January in support of this policy, which the Weekly says, will be the chief government plank in the next general election. It will constitute a great indictment of the present system, directly challenging the land owners in reference to their rulings with their employees. It is added that the chancellor's inquiry committee described the housing condition of the rural population as appalling and intolerable and recommends a minimum wage for agricultural laborers. A national grant will probably be demanded to establish a system of peasant proprietorship.

Times of general calamity and confusion have ever been productive of the greatest minds. The purest ore is produced from the hottest furnace, and the brightest thunderbolt is elicited from the darkest storm.—Colton.

He that opposes his own judgment against the consent of the times ought to be backed with unanswerable truths; and he that has truth on his side is a fool, as well as a coward, if he is afraid to own it because of the currency or multitude of other men's opinions.—Defoe.

No man was ever discontented with the world who did his duty in it.