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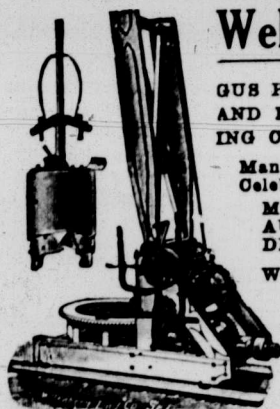
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CO-OPERATION AT EDWELL

Edwell Local Union No. 53 held a
very interesting, tho not a very numer-
ously attended, meeting on Thursday
last, in the schoolhouse, under the chair-
manship of the president, T. J. Walton.
After the disposal of the minutes the
secretary read all communications, and
one in regard to flour in carload lots,
from the Alberta Elevator Co., he was
instructed to inquire whether delivery
could be made at any station required.
It was arranged that the secretary sup-
ply the members with formalin as be-
fore, and members are requested to
notify their requirements at once to the
secretary. Several orders for barrel
salt were put in, and there are good
prospects of a carload being filled at an
early date. Members please notify their
requirements. Enquiry was made for a
bull by a member of a neighboring
Union. The subject of the formation of
a local reference library was brought
up, but owing to the small attendance
it was decided to defer the discussion
till the next meeting.

BLOOMINGTON PROGRESSING

The following is a report from one
of our new Unions, Bloomington
Heights No. 582, which was forwarded
to us by their secretary, R. E. Cain:
"We have organized a very successful
Union at Bloomington, and have twen-
ty-seven paid up members, with as many
more in sight. We have had two meet-
ings, both on extremely cold days, con-
sequently quite a few stayed at home.
We are to meet again on March 28, and
the 'Hog' is to be the subject for dis-
cussion. The program committee se-
lected five of the largest and most suc-
cessful hog raisers as speakers, and we
expect to have a large number present
from the surrounding country, and will
add many new members to our list."

AFTER THE GOPHERS

C. O. Nichols, secretary of Prominent
Heights Union No. 445, reports: "We
held our regular meeting on March 7, at
2.15 p.m., with twenty-six present.
Messrs. Olaf Ryden and John Hyttsten
were received as members. Messrs.
Norman Whitehead and Chris. E.
Nichols were appointed a committee to
look after a carload of wire. The mat-
ter of this Local buying formaldehyde
was dropped, as most of the members
had already sent for same. The secre-
tary was instructed to get prices on
Gopherside, Kill-em-quick and strych-
nine."

ROSEVIEW BUSY

The accompanying review of what
Roseview Union No. 63 has accom-
plished in the line of co-operative buy-
ing since January 1, 1913, has been re-
ceived from the secretary of the Union,
B. W. Purcell.

Eight pounds of strychnine, at 70
cents per ounce, was ordered and dis-
posed of. We handled one car of cedar
posts, at 11 cents; four hundred lbs. of
formalin was handled, cost of same be-
ing 14 1/4 cents per lb. We were unable to
order twine, as we could not get suffi-
cient orders for a carload. We ordered ap-
ples but same proved unsatisfactory and
were not accepted by us on arrival. We
received recompense for our disappoint-
ment from the men thru whom we
placed our order. We handled one car
of flour thru the Alberta Farmers' Co-
operative Elevator Co. Ltd., and same
proved very satisfactory. The flour
cost us \$2.45 per 98 pounds, and of
course brought the price of all flour
down to a great extent in our commu-
nity. We have, thru co-operating with
the Swallow Union, been able to handle

one car of willow posts, at 4 cents, and
have the order placed for another car.
With the above Union, we also have
orders enough for a car of fencing, and
the order will be placed soon. We have
recently ordered another car of 7 ft.
cedar posts, but same have not yet been
received.

Our Union has taken on a great re-
vival in the last few months, and our
paid up membership roll is nearly double
that of a year ago. We have recently
adopted a scheme of financing the
Union, which is now being put into
workable shape and which will be ex-
plained after it has been tried and
proven. We expect to do as much of
our co-operative buying as it is pos-
sible to do thru our local of the Alberta
Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Co. Ltd.

CELEBRATED ST. PATRICK'S

Miners Coulee Union No. 503, now
has thirty-three members in good stand-
ing, and expects ten or twelve more in
a short time. At a meeting on March
20, the members discussed the forma-
tion of a district association, and ap-
pointed a delegate to attend the dis-
trict convention. Co-operative buying
also held its share of attention, and
several orders were taken for formalde-
hyde. The hog question was thoroughly
discussed and some canvassing done for
the Co-operative Elevator Co., who are
handling hogs for a 5 per cent. commis-
sion. The Union thinks that this will
be quite a boon to the locality. On
March 17 the Union held a dance,
which was a success both socially and
financially.

OPPOSE SUBSIDY

Our Union at Halkirk is at present
booking orders for a carload of cedar
posts, and is planning to hold a dance
and entertainment. The erection of a
warehouse and more extensive co-opera-
tive buying are also under considera-
tion. The following resolution has been
passed by the Union, and its publica-
tion requested in the columns of The
Guide:

"Whereas it has come to the ears of
the Western Grain Growers' that it is
the intention of the Dominion Govern-
ment, at its present session, to give
Mackenzie and Mann another gift of
the people's money, and

"Whereas, Mackenzie and Mann have
already received too much from the
Dominion Government, also the Provin-
cial Governments,

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the
Halkirk Union No. 140, of the United
Farmers of Alberta, do hereby condemn
any such action of the government,
without the voice of the people.

"And be it further resolved that a
copy of this resolution be forwarded to
our member at Ottawa, so that he may
know his constituents are against any
such action."

MR. FEE AT RAINY HILLS

In remitting membership dues for
Rainy Hills Union No. 392, Wm. B.
Larson writes as follows:—

On March 7 we had the pleasure of
having with us Mr. Fee, of the Central
office, who spoke very ably on the sub-
ject, "What the U.F.A. Has Accom-
plished." He spoke to an audience of
about sixty people, who gave him their
best attention. At the call for new
members, five responded, and there were
also a few renewals and several new
subscribers for The Guide.

Our Union meets every first and third
Saturday of each winter month, and
every first Saturday during the summer
time. We have a committee on pro-
gram who manage to have some enter-
tainment for us in the line of songs,

debates and other literary work. As
to co-operation, we have shipped some
grain and a couple of times have bought
flour, all to good advantage. We also
had a picnic on May 24, with a good
program.

AMALGAMATION

From S. L. Hooper, of Mere Union
No. 513, we have this letter:—

I am pleased to tell you that our
local is making fine headway. We have
now a membership of fifty-one. The
members of the late Sibbald Union de-
cided that it would be better to unite
with this local and so make one strong
Union instead of two weak ones. At a
special meeting, held at the Fairdale
school, on Saturday, March 14, sixteen
of the Sibbald members joined with us,
the Mere members agreeing to meet
every alternate month at Highland
Park schoolhouse. By their united ac-
tion the members have been able to
obtain formaldehyde at a reduced figure
from a local merchant. Strenuous ef-
forts are also being made to get an
Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator
erected at Sibbald. I am enclosing
herewith postal notes for \$17, for 34
members' fees for 1914.

PANDORA TO DANCE

Jno. Davies reports Pandora Union
as guarding its prestige jealously, and
further remarks:—

Will send you another instalment of
dues after our dance is over. It prom-
ises to be what it is advertised—the
dance of the season—and our reputa-
tion, earned at our picnic last August,
will be upheld.

Mr. Fee was with us on March 2, and
gave us a good time, and the way his
address was followed and taken up
should have been ample proof to him
that he was appreciated.

Our membership to date numbers 64,
of whom 13 are ladies. Some of last
year's members have moved away, but
I think all the old ones will renew.

LADIES WILL HELP

John J. Collins, secretary of Federal
Union No. 374, writes as follows:—

I wrote you some time ago as to local
conditions not being very flourishing at
that time, but I am pleased to report at
the present time that there are signs
of considerable improvement, and I
think that my scheme of getting the
ladies interested is going to work out
to our advantage. We are holding a
sort of literary entertainment after our
business is finished at each meeting, and
it is getting the people to turn out. I
hope that we will be able to secure
some speakers from outside after the
weather is fine, so as to help stimulate
interest. At our meeting on Saturday,
March 21, the discussion of starting an
egg circle was taken up, and I was in-
structed to write for what information
I could get regarding same, so will
thank you in advance for any literature
or information you can give.

VETERANS GOING STRONG

C. Rice Jones remits \$50.25 for 101
members, thus bringing the total mem-
bership of Veteran Union No. 363 up
to 134. Veteran Union is now the se-
cond largest Union in the Province, with
good prospects of becoming, at an early
date, the largest, altho there is, in this
respect, a healthy rivalry between sev-
eral of the Unions.

WANT A CREAMERY

J. Rasmussen reports that at the
meeting of Standard Union No. 489, on
March 21, the members decided to see
what could be done towards getting a
creamery in their district. A creamery
committee was appointed, as well as
two other committees to investigate the
matter of forming two municipalities.
Two new members were also received
into the Union.

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