GERMAN FARMERS HOLDING THEIR OWN

Organization for Political Purposes is Strongest of its Kind in World.

TWO PURPOSES MANIFEST

Self-Protection and Self-Enlightenment Are Dominating Notes .- Expert Instruction Given by League Lecturers.

BY HECTOR MACPHERSON.

KELLINGHAUSEN, Germany, June 23.—(Special Correspondence.)—To attempt in a letter or two to give any adequate account of the organization of German agriculture would be sure to end in failure. Germany is, above all other countries, the home of rural associations. In their complexity, in their general unity of purpose and in their sure-footed manner of going after and getting results, the German farmers' societies stand unrivalled anywhere in the world. One is almost overwhelmed by the masses of machinery by which these organizations look after the minutest details underlying rural welfare, economically, politically, and socially. BY HECTOR MACPHERSON.

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Considering, then, the breadth and complexity of the subject, I shall attempt to simplify matters by gathering what I have to say about two or three outstanding features in German agricultural organization.

"Farmers' League" Well Organized. For my subject today I take the "Bund der Landwirte," which I have translated "The Farmers' League." I choose this organization for two reasons. In the first place, it is the thing uppermost in my mind, as we have just been through the splendid buildjust been through the splendid build-ings owned by the league, in which it has its headquarters for the German empire. In the second place, the Ger-man Farmers' League is primarily a political organization, and without doubt it is the strongest political association of farmers in the world.

To understand how it arose, we must look briefly at recent German economic history. Previous to the Franco-Prussian war, the German provinces were almost entirely agricultural. The farm-er had things pretty much to himself in determining the policies of the va-rious kingdoms.

With the union of the Germanic states in the empire, there began a new era in German economic history. Industry began to compete with agriculture for the light ways of the compete with agriculture for the lion's share of political recognition and governmental support. Moreover, the rapidly developing commercial and industrial interests were strongly organized.

Class Struggle Developed Under the stimulus of the Raiffelsen co-operative movement, the farmers were learning the first principles of associated action. The Raiffelsen societies were purely non-political, and, consequently, their influence counted for little in the class struggle which arose on the basis of conflicting recognitions. on the basis of conflicting economic in-

The farmers early grasped the situa-tion and proceeded to organize with the avowed purpose of maintaining a political and economic status worthy political and economic status worth; of the fundamental industry of the em

The first farmers' organization for political ends was the "Association for Tax Reform and Economic Betterment." It was formed in the Winter of 1875-76, and set as its principal task the securing of an import duty on foreign breadstuffs. This object was attained by successive tariff acts passed by the Reichstag, which brought the import duty on corn under the control of the Farmers' League. When German agriculture requires legislative attention, it frames to the control of the Farmers' League. When German agriculture requires legislative attention, it frames to the control of the Farmers' League. When German agriculture requires legislative attention, it frames to the control of the Farmers' League. Reichstag, which brought the import duty on corn up to \$1.50 a ton in the

This made grain-growing profitable in spite of rising wages and increasing land values, and gave considerable stimulus to agriculture.

In the meanwhile other interests were steadily gaining ground. For a time it seemed as if free trade in corn would expose the German grain-grower to competition with the products of the virgin soils of the new world. In the conflict the inadequacy of the old "Association for Tax Reform" to cope with the situation became evident.

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The organization is a voluntary body of farmers, whose aim, like that of its predecessor, is to maintain and improve the status of the farming class. It is supported by contributions levied on the members in proportion to the size of their land holdings at the rate of about 1½ cents an acre annually. Persons not farmers are admitted to members in proportion to the size of the first of the farmer, and leaves the rate of about 1½ cents an acre annually. Persons not farmers are admitted to members in proportion to the size of the farming class. It is but 30 years' experience has demonstrated its efficiency. No grand old should like the conditions are admitted to membership on acceptance of the principles of the league and the payment of a voluntary subscription, which must not a lease than 75 cents a year.

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organization with headquarters in Berlin. It covers the north and east of the
empire by means of 14 provincial
against it.
offices. Each of the provinces, again,
is subdivided according to the electoral
constituencies for the Imperial Parliament. The electoral districts are ment. The electoral districts are fur-ther subdivided into what are called principal groups, which are composed of the local groups of individual farm-

states.

These meet as a sort of Federal farmers' council once a year. They thresh out the whole agricultural situation for the intervening year, check up the attitude of all imperial office-holders on questions affecting agriculture, and outline the policy of the league for the year to come. The members of the permanent committee, and most of the presidential board, return to their farms to take up the work of rural leadership throughout the year.

Lecture Courses Provided.

Government Engineer, today began placing the concrete over a point above the center of the historic Balm of Gillend, the Pacific Northwest started. This tree was on the southeast corner of the reservation.

The witness tree four years ago was washed down by the high water of the Columbia River. A brass plate, properly maked, will be buried under about three feet of ground on the spot.

Single Term Bill Introduced

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and other routine work.

The propaganda is directed from the Berlin office. It is carried on by means of lecture courses, newspapers and magazines, special reports and pamphlets, and picture postcards.

The lecture courses are carried on mostly during Winter months, and during election campaigns whenever they may take place; each lecturer

lecture tours, the league is constantly pouring its principles into the rural consciousness through the medium of the press. There are at least 355 papers in the Empire inspired by the purposes of the Farmers' League. Several of these are under the direct control of the association.

A small weekly, the Farmers' League, is sent free of charge to every one of the 359,000 members of the organization. The key note of this paper is expressed in the slogan which stands under the title of every issue: "Unity alone makes strong. German farmers, unite!" Just beneath this, again, appears constantly a famous quotation from the great Prince Bismarck: "Unless our farm population unites and hangs together, German agriculture will never be represented in our legislative bodies in proportion to its importance."

A question worthy of serious con-Unity Always Urged.

A question worthy of serious con-sideration by every American farmer is suggested by this quotation. It is this: "Is American agriculture any better

DEATH OF LEWIS COUNTY MIN-ISTER WAS TRAGIC.



Rev. J. M. Haskell.

CHEHALIS, Wash., July 12.—
(Special.) — J. M. Haskell, who
died here July 3, was born in
Dickenson Center, N. Y., March
18, 1836. At 21 years of age he
became a minister of the gospel
and gave his whole time up to
the date of his death to church
work. For a number of years
Rev. Mr. Haskell preached in the
vicinity of his boyhood, and in
1870 moved to Minneapolis, Minn.
In 1885 he moved to Portland, Or.,
where he engaged in ministerial In 1885 he moved to Portland, Or., where he engaged in ministerial work, and in 1890 moved to this county, locating at Winlock. In 1895 he became pastor of the Baptist Church of Chehalis. In 1904 he moved to Centralia, where he resided for four years. Recently he accepted a call as pastor of the Baptist congregations at Gate and Bochester, Wash. The death of Mr. Haskell was tragie, the direct cause being that he was struck by a train at Gate while driving across the railroad in his driving across the railroad in his buggy. He was thrown out and suffered injuries from which he suffered injuries from which he never recovered. By his first marriage were born six children, as follows: Horten H. Haskell, of Winona, Wash; Mrs. Martin Mac-Donough, of Medford, Or.; Minard A. Haskell, of McCleary, Wash; Mrs. T. K. Mets, of Chehalis; Robert B. Haskell, of Chenalis; also the late Mrs. E. H. Thompson, of Chehalis. His second wife was Mrs. Edith E. Curtis, to whom he was married in 1904, and who he was married in 1904, and who survives him

tention, it frames its measure, goes to work, and gets what it wants. The same is true when its interests are threatened by legislation emanating from conflicting interests.

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The league is the German farmers' organization for self-enlightenment and self-protection. Up to the present, the powers of organized capitalism have been utterly unable to prevail against it.

WITNESS TREE REPLACED Monument to Mark Spot Where

Balm of Gllead Stood. ers.

Now how does this elaborate machine operate? let us ask. The center of power is the Berlin office, which is managed by a presidential board of 17 members and a permanent committee of 51 representatives from the various states.

Single Term Bill Introduced.

The permanent work of the central office is under the supervision of a director and two vice-directors. Under them is an office force composed of that the President and Vice-President after March 4, 1921, shall serve single experts in politics and economics, with the necessary staff for stenographic and other routine work.

they may take place; each lecturer must be especially fitted for his work, and must have taken a course of instruction under the experts in the Berlin office. The number of lecturers employed varies from 90 upwards according to the special need.

Besides these personally-conducted WASHINGTON, July 12.—Lightning and campers are the causes of most of the fires in National forests, as shown by telegraphic reports during the last week to the Forest Service. Colorado, Southern California, Arizona and New Mexico offer the fields of most danger on account of continued dry, hot weather.

PEACE PLAN GIVEN

War Preparations Pending Investigation.

YEAR SUGGESTED AS TIME

Third Phase of Secretary's Scheme Submitted to 20 Powers Whose Assent Has Been Given, as Well as 19 Others.

WASHINGTON, July 12 .- A proposal to maintain the status quo as to military and naval preparations among disputants during the period of investigation of international differences constitutes the third and final proposal in Secretary Bryan's peace plan.

In making that portion of the proposal public today, Secretary Bryan said that the obligation to maintain the status quo would not be obligatory in the event of danger to either of the two contracting parties from a third

The proposal is submitted to the 20 nations which have accepted his plan in principle, as well as to the other 19 nations not yet heard from.

Status Quo considered. "This Government is prepared to consider," says the communication, "the deputies have fastened suspicion on a question of maintaining the status quo man who probably will be arrested to as to military and naval preparations during the period of investigation, if the contracting nation desires to in-clude this, and this Government suggests tentatively that the parties agree that there shall be no change in the military and naval programme during the period of investigation unless dan-ger to one of the contracting parties from a third party counsels a change in said programme, in which case the party feeling itself menaced by a third power shall confidentially communicate the matter in writing to the other con-tracting party and it shall thereupon be released from the obligation not to change its military or naval programme and this release will at the same time operate as a release of the other contracting parties. This protects each party from the other in the ordinary cases and yet provides freedom of action in emergencies. tion in emergencies."

Year Given for Investigation. The proposals previously announced provide for an international commission, of five members, one from each of the of five members, one from each of the contracting countries, to be chosen by the government, one to be chosen by each of the contracting countries from some other country and the i. I to be agreed on by the two contracting governments. One year is suggested as a proper time for the inv stigation of the subject under dispute.

"All of these suggestions and See."

"All of Lese suggestions, said Secretary Bryan, discussing his plan to-day, "are presented for consideration and not with the intention of imposing any axed conditions. The principle of the investigation being accepted, the details are matters for conference and details are matters for conference and

onsideration."
The 20 nations which have accepted the principles of the peace proposal, in the order named, are: Italy, Great Britain, France, Brazil, Sweden, Nor-

REGULATIONS UNDER IRRIGA-TION ACT AMENDED.

Mortgagees to Have Opportunity to Protect Interests When Water Charges Are Unpaid.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Secretary
Lane approved today an amendment to
the regulations under the reclamation
act designed to aid entrymen and land
owners in reclamation projects in securing loans for the improvement of

5 SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED Guatemala Invites Youths From

stitutions.

In throwing Guatemalan institutions open to American students so that they may acquire the Spanish language and obtain an insight into Latin-American ideals, Senor Manuez writes. "My government is animated by the most artists animated by the most ardent spirit of pan-American-

AEROPLANE RIGHTS ITSELF Inventor of Even Keel Submarine

PROTEST PREVENTS PEACE

(Continued from First Page.) Suitehar to Rodovitch, a distance of about 300 miles, the Bulgarians were compelled to retreat, hotly pursued. Bulgarian detachments were crushed

Steamer J. B. Steaton, northbound, off Ventura, at 9 P. M. July 12.

Steamer Falcon, passing Point Firmin at 7 P. M. July 12.

Steamer Colusa, Scattle to Portland,

and in one instance 14 field batterie

vere captured. According to a dispatch from Constantinople the Turkish troops at Tchatalja and Bulair have received orders to march for the reoccupation of the Ottoman territory now held by the Bulgarians. Preparations are being hastily made for an advance.

Servin and Turkey Agree.

The Bulgarian delegate, M. Natcho-Bryan Proposes Status Quo in vitch, tonight expresed regret at the failure of his mission, which he had hoped would result in a Turco-Bulgarian alliance. The mission of the Servian delegate, M. Pavlovich, has proved successful. It is said that an agreement between Turkey and Servia will be signed tomorrow.

According to Turkish accounts, the agreement insures to Turkey the recovery of a large part of Thrace. Nogotiations for an understanding between Turkey and Greece have been proceeding at the same time, it is believed, with good prospects of a satisfactory conclusion.

is announced in official circles that Roumania proposes to annex the quadrilateral formed by Silistria, Rustchuk, Shumia and Varna,

BAKER WOMAN DISCOVERS STRYCHNINE IN PUMP.

Pound of Drug Is Concealed in Pipe So as to Be Forced Into Water When Drawn-Clew Found.

BAKER, Or., July 12 .- (Special.) -- An attempt to poison the family of Mrs. John Bumgarner by strychnine placed in the spout of a well was disclosed their deductions are well founded.

When Mrs. Bumgarner, who lives in
South Baker, went to the pump yester-

South Baker, went to the pump yester-day she discovered a piece of paper in the spout. Closer investigation re-vealed the fact that the wrapper bore a "poison" label, and that a pound of strychnine had been placed in the well pipe in such a way that it would be forced into the nall when were were forced into the pall when water was taken from the well. That murder of the entire family was attempted is de-clared conclusive by the evidence found Mrs. Bumgarner recently was grant-ed a divorce from her husband, who is now on parole from the County Jail, having been convicted of assault with a dangerous weapon.

DALLES CHERRIES BEST

MARASCHINO MANUFACTURERS BUY 540 TONS.

Oregon's Royal Anns Make Italian Fruit Look Like Peas, Says Buyer for Big Firm.

THE DALLES, Or., July 12. - (Spe-

THE DALLES, Or., July 12. — (Special.) — One million, eighty thousand pounds of cherries have been marketed by the fruitgrowers of The Dalles and vicinity this year, for which they have received over \$40,000 in cash.

Of this total of 540 tons, 476 tons were shipped to Portland and San Francisco, where they will be made into maraschino cherries. The Oregon Packing Company, of Portland, which is a branch of the California Fruit Packing Company, of San Francisco, shipped 100 tons. The entire crop of the big Seufert orchard, east of this city, which amounted to \$4 \forall tons, was also sent to amounted to \$4 % tons, was also sent to the Oregon Packing Company to be

made into maraschinos. "I have been buying cherries for the past 15 years and have traveled all over the world in the work, but I never have seen such perfect cherries as those raised here at The Dalles," said Arthur C. Rass, of the Lyon & Rass Company. who bought the fruit for his firm, "I wish I could have bought 600 tons instead of 100," he continued, "Other cherries I have bought look like No. 3 grade compared to these at The Dalles. The Italian cherries which age import-ed by New York firms for maraschinos look like French peas beside your Royal

Publication Prevented.

SALEM, Or., July 12 .- (Special.) -- An United States to School.

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WASHINGTON, July 12.—The Guatemalan government, through Minister Mandez, has offered the United States five scholarships available for American boys and girls desirous of pursuing courses in Guatemalan institutions of learning. These scholarships include board, lodgings, uniforms and washing, and are good for courses either in military, academic or technical institutions.

SALEM, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—An oversight of persons favoring and opposing, with the exception of friends of the university appropriation bills, will prevent the publication in pamphing form of arguments for and against the measures to be referred to the people at the special election in November. The Day bill, providing the election, stipulates that the arguments must be later than 12 days after the filing of the petitions.

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It is evident that the oversight was due to a provision in the laws providing for general elections which stipulates that the arguments, favoring measures must be filed not later than 115 days before an election and negative arguments not later than 105 days before an election. This gives the advocates of referred measures an opportunity to answer the arguments of

portunity to answer the arguments of the opposing side.

George Cornwall, of Portland, asked Secretary of State Olcott today to file an argument in support of the work-men's compensation act, and was some-what perturbed when informed that Inventor of Even Keel Submarine
Evolves New Type for Air.

NEW YORK, July 12.—Christopher J.
Lake, one of the inventors of the "even keel" submarine boat used in the United States Navy, has reported to the Aero Club of America that he and his son Simon Lake, have evolved a type of aeropiane, which tested by being inverted at an altitude of 60 feet, easily recovered its balance and made a safe and easy descent.

men's compensation act, and was somewhat perturbed when informed that the time limit had expired. H. J. Parkison, who wished to file an argument opposing the reference of the University of Oregon bills, had the same experience. Friends of the measure, however, filed their arguments within the clined to file an argument opposing the reference of the University of Oregon bills, had the same experience. Friends of the measure, however, filed their arguments within the clined to file an argument opposing the reference of the University of Oregon bills, had the same experience. Friends of the measure, however, filed their arguments within the clined to file an argument opposing the reference of the University of Oregon bills, had the same experience. Friends of the measure, however, filed their arguments within the clined to file an argument opposing the reference of the University of Oregon bills, had the same experience. Friends of the measure, however, filed their arguments within the clined to file an argument opposing the reference of the University of Oregon bills, had the same experience. Friends of the measure, however, filed their arguments within the clined to file an argument opposing the reference of the University of Oregon bills, had the same experience. Friends of the measure, however, filed their arguments within the clined to file an argument opposing the reference of the University of Oregon bills, had the same experience. Friends of the measure, however, filed their arguments within the clined to file an argument opposing the reference of the University of Oregon bills, had the same experie

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BEN SELLING

MORRISON STREET AT FOURTH

off Cathlamet, Columbia River, at 8 P. David Reese, foreman of the bridge fered a fractured skull yesterday when

Steamer Lurline, Honolulu to San Francisco, 1165 miles out at 8 P. M. July 11.

Steamer Honolulan, San Francisco to Honolulu, 1027 miles out at 8 P. M.

Steamer Nile, San Francisco to Honlulu, 738 miles out at 8 P. M. July 11. Steamer Herrin, Honolulu to Monterey, 630 miles out at 8 P. M. July 11. Steamer Santo Rita, Honolulu to San Francisco, 858 miles out at 8 P. M.

Steamer Camino, Portland to San Francisco, 20 miles north of Point Arenas at 7 P. M. July 12.

Naval Cadets Visit Spain. VIGO, Spain, July 12 .- The American battleship Illinois arrived here today from Antwerp with naval cadets aboard.

Hammer Falls on Head.

EUGENE, Or., July 12 .- (Special.)-

Results Not Influenced by Age or Time Standing, Says Expert.

Rupture is not a tear or breach in the abdominal wall, as commonly supposed, but is the stretching or dilating of a natural opening, therefore subject to closure, said F. H. Seeley, on a late visit to Portland.

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for Oregon. Other firms advertising and selling imitation "Seeley" Spermatic Shield Trusses are impostors. Look for the word patented on each spermatic cor-rugated shield.

M. July 12.

Steamer Bear, northbound, 12 miles east of Point Conception at 8 P. M. July 12.

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