

PASS BILL FAVORING FARM ASSOCIATIONS; URGE CLOTHING PROBE

WASHINGTON, May 5.—A bill allowing farmers to combine in cooperative associations to market agricultural products without suffering restrictions of existing antitrust laws was passed late Wednesday by the house, and now goes to the senate. The vote was 284 to 49.

During debate on the measure some members from Eastern manufacturing districts attacked its provisions as constituting class legislation.

Efforts of Democrats to amend the section of the bill giving the secretary of agriculture authority to proceed against such association in case they "unduly enhanced" prices of their products by their combinations were defeated.

Committee to Investigate.

A re drafted resolutions providing for investigation by a joint congressional commission into agricultural conditions was agreed on at a hearing before the house rules committee.

Among subjects to be studied would be difference in prices of agricultural products to producer and consumer, relation of prices of agricultural products to such products to farm prices, credit resources and credits, especially as affecting agriculture and marketing and transportation facilities.

Increased railroad operating costs and the question of carriers placing repair work with outside concerns, will be looked into by the special senate investigating committee which meets May 10. Chairman Cummings said that rail road managers would be asked to explain why operating costs last year reached \$6,000,000,000, an increase of about \$1,000,000,000.

Will Probe Clothing Trade.

Investigation of the clothing industry and trade by the senate labor committee is proposed in a resolution introduced by Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho. Under the resolution the committee would inquire not only into working conditions and unrest in the industry and their bearing on clothing prices, but would seek information as to the reason for present clothing prices as to profits all along the line from the manufacturer to the retailer. Inquiry would be made also into the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

The Theatres

WASHINGTON
Enid Bennett was not injured, nor ruptured, nor in any way "forced into temporary retirement," when the dainty Ince star was the central figure in a thrilling crash between a locomotive and an automobile, staged by director Fred Niblo at LaMirada, California, for one of the closing scenes in Miss Bennett's latest Paramount picture, "Her Husband's Friend," which is being shown at the Washington Theatre.

Contrary to the customary procedure, the Ince reporters announce that Miss Bennett enacted her part in the wreck to the complete satisfaction of a critical director.

The collision at La Mirada is the culmination of several stirring situations which lead to an unexpected climax in the Marjorie Benton Cooke story. Miss Bennett, in the role of Judith Westover, is the target for the persistent wooing of Tom Chatterton, who, having "his mind on the wheel," proceeds to step on 'er and plunge head-on into a six-coach passenger special speeding at sixty miles an hour, more or less.

The episode went over according to Hoyle and the automobile that felt the weight of the onrushing locomotive was the only object displayed net injuries from the "accident."

MURRETTE

Courtenay Foote, who will be remembered by many New York playgoers as the fascinating Irish playboy in "Up Stairs and Down," a Broadway success of two seasons ago, is now transformed into the tensely emotional "Esteban" of "The Passion Flower." Norma Talmadge's latest starring vehicle, which is being shown at the Murrette Theatre. The scenario is taken from the play of the same name which enjoyed quite a long run in New York last winter. Much curiosity has been aroused as to the outcome of this picture as it is one of unusual emotional struggle.

SCHOOL CONTRACT SIGNED.
VALPARAISO, Ind., May 5.—A contract has been signed between the government and Valparaiso university for the bringing here of 500 students to be educated under the federal vocational board. Word to this effect was received today from Washington. The government, it is said, will expend \$100,000 in remodeling buildings and installing new machinery at the institution. The contract is for one year.

ASHTEABULA MAN NAMED.
COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 5.—Attorney General John G. Price, Wednesday named John M. Parks, of Ashtrabula, as Special Counsel to succeed B. W. Gearhart, named State Insurance Superintendent.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR APPOINTS DELEGATES

Miss Ruth Blossom, president of the Christian Endeavor of the First Christian church, and Miss Emily Parker, member of the society, were appointed as local delegates to the Christian Endeavor convention, to be held in Anderson, June 23 to 26, inclusive, at the regular business meeting of the Endeavor, held Wednesday night. The meeting was held at the home of Miss Ruth Horr, 419 Lincoln street.

The business session was followed by games. Refreshments were served. Those present were the Rev. L. E. Murray, J. Russell Stevenson, Florence M. Corns, Inez Harris, Marie Bettie, Gladys Arnett, Ruth Horr, Amanda Naanes, Emma Horr, Cyrene Huber, Anna Mae Witt, Ruth Blossom, Marvin Pickett, Gordon A. Borton, Sherman Miller, Pierson Naanes, J. C. Colidron, Elmer Jarvis, Gordon Triplett, Benjamin Carver, Ruth Jones, W. J. Schehr, Orla Emrick, and Goldie Triplett.

Temperance Lectures Will Begin Sunday

Free lectures are to be given by Dr. Emma Holloway, lecturer for the Indiana Women's Christian Temperance Union, in the high school auditorium. The first lecture, "Social Purity," will be delivered at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, May 8. The second lecture will be given at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, May 10, and for mothers and older daughters. Announcement of other lectures will be made later.

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