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## NOTES FROM A CORN GROWER

Hon. W. B. McKinley Generously Rewards the Youths.

Monday, January 20, I left Mattoon, over the Big Four for Washington City. At Charleston I was joined by Ivan Goble of Coles county. In Indianapolis we were joined by Mr. Kline and a number of other corn growers. At this point we took the Big Four, Chesapeake and Ohio, in a special Pullman sleeper. Soon at

As we neared Washington City the land was more level. On either side the car, we saw wheat, hay and occasionally a field of corn. On arriving in Washington City, about 8 p. m., Tuesday, we were met at the depot by Hon. W. B. McKinley. He took us home with him for supper, and with O. H. Benson of the agricultural department, and Congressman Stone of Illinois, entertained us during the evening.

We lodged at the Ebbitt House, while in Washington.

Wednesday morning Mr. Benson took us to the Department of Agriculture, where we met Secretary

In the afternoon we listened to a speech by Champ Clark in the Capitol.

We visited the house of representatives. This is a very beautiful room. There are statues all around the walls.

In the Bureau of Engraving and Printing Department, we saw where they printed the government bonds and made our paper money, postage stamps, military, and naval diplomas, passports and other government documents.

I thought the Government Library, the finest building of all. The walls and ceiling were covered with fine paintings. In the center of the building is a large round room with a dome ceiling. All around this room are fire proof book shelves. The books are conveyed from this room to different departments by electricity. At the head of the stairs leading to this room is a large painting called "Minerva."

In the evening we saw a fine play in Chase's theater.

Friday morning we boarded a street car for Mt. Vernon, George Washington's home. In Alexandria we saw the old church he attended. Along the route, we saw fine sights. Washington's home is just as he left it. The old family coach is still in the shed. The furnishings of the room are the same he used, preserved and cared for by an organization of ladies. We saw his tomb in a grove, each tree planted by different men of the nation.

We were then taken to Arlington Heights, the home of Robert E. Lee. The National cemetery and the anchor of the battleship Maine attracted our attention.

At Ft. Meyer we saw the cavalry practice, and it almost made us wish to be one of them.

Friday evening we enjoyed very much a play in the Polish Theater.

Saturday morning we visited the Center market, where we saw everything good to eat. We were presented a commission which we placed to the lapel of our coats and brought home for a souvenir.

From the top of Washington's monument we got a bird's eye view of Washington City and the Potomac river. Had our pictures taken again, and went to the National Museum, to see the government collections, comprising millions of artificial and natural collections from all quarters of the globe.

We made a visit to the Smithsonian Institute. Then toured Washington in automobiles and went to the Bureau of Fisheries, the art gallery. The Pan American Union building, where we saw a Spanish Mexican court with a fountain in the center and Central American trees growing. We went through many beautiful parks and saw lots of fine mansions. Saturday night went to another theater in charge of Mr. Chire. Sunday morning started home over the B. & O. R. R. through Harper's Ferry and down the beautiful Shenandoah valley, dotted here and there with battle grounds, and across West Va. to Indianapolis. From there to Tuscola, Ill. I left the other boys here and came on to Mattoon, Monday I brought home with me a Boys Corn Club pennant with the word Illinois on it and the initials B. C. C. in red white and blue. also two groups of pictures we had taken in Washington. We feel very grateful to Mr. McKinley for the interest he has taken in the boys corn club and cannot tell how much we appreciate his kindness and generosity in giving us so interesting and profitable a trip. I hope there will be lots of other boys who will be interested in the boys corn club and win the best prize of all next year, A trip to Washington, Respectfully,

BERT WAGGONER, Gays, Ill.

**A Good Sale**  
Some good horses were sold at W. A. Stokes' sale February 5 and they brought good prices. Four mares averaged \$320.00 per head. One team of mares seven years old were purchased by Ivan Perry of Findlay for \$200.00. Leslie Horn paid \$230. for one mare, a yearling colt sold for \$175.00 and another colt brought \$147.50. John Rhodes of Lovington purchased the colts, E. A. Silver and B. B. Barnes, auctioneered the sale.

## OBITUARIES

WILLIAM K. BAKER

William K. Baker died in his home near Bruce, Saturday evening, February 8, 1913, at 7 p. m. of apoplexy. His wife departed this life seventeen years ago.

W. K. Baker was born in Gallatin county, Illinois, October 27, 1826. His ancestors were from North Carolina.

Mr. Baker was married at sixteen years of age to Miss Lucinda V. Carter, who at that time was but thirteen years of age. After their marriage Mr. Baker started in life on a salary of \$2.00 per week, and a very limited amount of household goods. They, by industry and economy, soon purchased a small farm. He soon became one of the wealthiest and most prominent farmers of the county.

Mr. Baker and wife were the parents of ten children; five, as follows, survive him: Mrs. J. K. P. Rose living on Sand Creek, Mrs. Hannah Whitfield of Decatur, Harvey Baker and Fred Baker of Whitley township and Mrs. Lydia Banks of Windsor. Two, Mrs. Clark and Colbert Baker, died within the last few years and each left several children. He had thirty-four grandchildren and thirty-three great grandchildren.

The funeral was preached in the Liberty church Monday at 2 p. m. by Eld. A. J. Nance of Hammoud and the interment in the cemetery nearby.

MRS. LEV JORDAN

Florence Alma Farmer, was born in Shelby County Jan. 28, 1880. She was married to Lev Jordan, Nov. 8, 1886. Died near Garden Grove, Iowa, Feb. 6, 1913, of hemorrhage of the bowels.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan were the parents of one child.

The remains, accompanied by the father and son arrived in Findlay Saturday. The funeral was preached by Rev. B. N. Sypolt assisted by Rev. Cuppy, Sunday afternoon in the Church of Christ.

The remains were taken to the White cemetery for interment.

## Teachers Institute

The teachers' institute Thursday and Friday of last week was well attended. The teachers seem much enthused with their work and seemed to grasp readily ideas produced and entered heartily in all discussions.

The two lectures delivered by Dr. Daugherty, of Vincennes, Ind., were full of good meat from start to finish.

Those who heard the lecture are very strong in their commendation of it.

The Moultrie County Teacher's Association passed a resolution expressing their sympathy and attesting their appreciation of the worth of Jno. Trainer who is recognized as a benefactor to education generally. The committee asked for material aid rather than a lengthy resolution.

That teachers agreed is shown by the fact that \$20.40 was raised in a few minutes after the appeal was made.

Mr. Trainer was the author of the Course of Study now used in thirty-two states of the union. It was through the untiring efforts of Professors B. F. Peadro and John Trainer that the country schools of Moultrie county were graded and not only advanced to the front ranks but stepped out in front.

John Trainer will be long and favorably known, and his memory cherished by the teachers of a few years ago, who were associated with him in the work and profited by his instructions.

## Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Harris celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary, Wednesday at their home on Grant St. Those present were Ed Harris and family, W. L. Landers and family, Manuel Sipe and wife and Mrs. W. W. Lewis and daughter of Decatur. Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Harris are now 76 and 77 years of age and have lived in Sullivan for about 22 years.

## Barnes' Stallion

I have changed the stallion I had last year for a much better horse. Breeders of good and fine horses are requested to come and see my horse and consult me. My Percheron and Belgian recommend themselves. JOHN BARNES, Phone 246, Barn 69.

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## Chamber of Commerce

The chamber of commerce met in regular session at the city hall, Monday evening. As President O. L. Todd was absent, the meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Dr. H. M. Butler. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and other routine business, the election of officers for the ensuing year was in order which resulted as follows:

President—W. A. Steele.  
Vice president—Dr. H. M. Butler.  
Treasurer—Chas. Shuman.  
Secretary—J. R. Fogue.  
Board of Directors—W. A. Steele, O. J. Gauger, H. J. Miller, F. J. Harris, F. E. Pifer, Dr. Johnson and Geo. A. Daugherty.

The committee on the Wyman park made its report and asked to be discharged. This brought out a lot of discussion and gave the members a chance to display their forensic ability. After a parliamentary tangle lasting about an hour, the committee was finally discharged but some one made a motion to appoint another park committee and the chair settled the matter by re-appointing the old committee.

The park question was pretty thoroughly discussed pro and con but no recommendations were made by the committee or the Chamber of Commerce. Three definite propositions were submitted. One by Irving Shuman, one by J. B. Titus and one by Lucas Sene. These are practically the same as have been heretofore published, except that Mr. Titus offers to donate to the city five acres in addition to the park site. J. R. Fogue read a letter from J. E. Jennings in regard to another park site and asked to have the matter held over to the next meeting. Some of the members thought the question ought to be settled at this meeting so far as the Chamber of Commerce is concerned. Others argued that more time should be taken to investigate and discuss the different propositions, and that the Chamber of Commerce really has no power in selecting the site. That will have to be done by the city council. It is the final determining body and can select the park site with or without a vote of the people. Most of the members who expressed an opinion, thought the matter should be left to a vote. It seemed to be the unanimous sentiment of the meeting that Sullivan needs the park and must have it, and probably at its next meeting the Chamber of Commerce will vote on the proposed sites. It will then be up to the city council.

## White Elephant Exchange

The C. W. B. M. of the Christian church will give a White Elephant Exchange Social at the home of Mrs. J. H. Smith, Friday evening, Feb. 21st.

Every household is burdened with articles such as furniture, wearing apparel, bric-a-brac or fancy work of which they are thoroughly tired. Here is your chance to exchange it for something new to you. Come, everybody, and bring one of those undesired articles. Husbands, bring your wives; wives bring your husbands; also bring a silver offering. Refreshments will be served.

## Wabash Excursions.

Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 22nd to March 15th, American Bowling Congress. Fare from Sullivan, round trip, \$12.92. "Homesteaders" rates, first and third Tuesdays of each month. Tourists rates on sale daily. 5-3



THE NATION'S CAPITOL.

The construction of the capitol was begun in 1793, and the cornerstone of the central portion of the building was laid by President Washington in September of that year. On Aug. 24, 1814, the capitol was partly destroyed by British troops, who set fire to all the public buildings. The cornerstone of the wings was laid on July 4, 1851, by President Fillmore, and Daniel Webster officiated as orator. These wings, or extensions, were completed in 1857. The total cost of the capitol was about \$14,000,000.

After boarding the train, we ate our supper in the dining car, then went to the sleeper and retired. I went to sleep in Indiana and awoke in West Virginia, to behold grand scenery. On one side of the track were mountains on the other New river with many water falls.

We passed through White Sulphur Springs, Clifton Forge, Staunton, Charlottesville, Manassas, and Alexandria, all of historical interest to the school boy.

The New river in some places had cut through solid rock, and many of the rocks on the Allegheny side ap-

Wilson and were presented diplomas.

We here joined the boys corn growers of the south and the young lady tomato grower of Arkansas, and the group was photographed.

We next visited the capitol and were met by a committee from both houses.

In the afternoon we went to the White House and shook hands with President Taft, and were photographed with him on the steps of the National mansion.

Thence, to the Zoological parks, where we saw many strange and



THE WHITE HOUSE.

The home of the presidents was begun in 1792 and was first occupied by President Adams in 1800. In 1814 it was burned by the British and was rebuilt four years later. The original building is a two story freestone edifice painted white. It is 170 feet long by 86 feet wide and has an Ionic portico. In 1903 the executive offices, which are shown in the upper picture, were erected. The main entrance to the White House is shown in the lower cut.

peared as if they were just ready to roll down on the track. We traveled a distance along the Green river, it gets its name from the color of the water.

We passed through twenty-four tunnels, the longest one mile in length.

curious animals to us. We saw birds from all over the world.

Thursday morning we visited the navy yard, and were taken through the shops, where the big guns are made. We saw guns with the bore fourteen inches in diameter and fifty-two feet long.













