

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

Items of Interest in Various Neighborhoods Sent in by Our Friends

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FAITH.

Jan. 25.—A brilliant wedding took place at Faith when Miss Lizzie Raney became the bride of John Ketner. Miss Raney is the daughter of R. A. Raney, of Faith, and is one of Faith's prettiest, most accomplished and most popular young ladies.

Young lady at Mr. and Mrs. Charley Misenheimer's January 24th, 1912. Country Kid, See THE WATCHMAN of January 24th and you will see some of our items.

D. A. Wiley's little girl, Ruth, is confined to her bed with fever. Mr. Walton and his partner has just lifted thousands of tons of granite on the big ledge in Faith that belongs to W. H. Canale, and this will now be another big enterprise for Faith.

The Faith people got their mail promptly all through the big snow and sleet. Mr. Bearhart, our mail carrier, is certainly a faithful carrier.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brown and little daughter, of China Grove, are visiting Mr. Brown's sister, Mrs. P. A. Peeler.

Boy at W. A. Oline's, January 25th. Girl at Boss Trexler's January 26th 1912. Girl at J. U. Shaver's January 27th, 1912. Girl at Geo. Casler's January 29th, 1912. Boy at Charley Lingle's January 11th, 1912.

Will McCombs is confined to his bed with pleurisy. Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Trickey of Pennsylvania are visiting at Dr. Peeler's.

VENUS. RICHFIELD ROAD. Jan. 29.—As Richfield Road has been quiet for a while Sallie will send in a few lines as we have come to life again.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Ludwick of near Craven, visited David Bean's last Saturday and Sunday. Columbus Hodge visited Adam L. Ketchie a few days ago.

Miss Nancy Bean is quite ill. We wish for her early recovery. Miss Josephine Morgan visited her aunt, Mrs. Bettie Ketchie, last Thursday evening.

Miss Jessie Reed visited Miss Effie Callicott on last Wednesday morning. On account of the bad weather there was not any preaching at Wyatt Grove last Sunday. There will be preaching the second Sunday in February by Rev. Jeffers Lanning.

His Mary Hodge, of Delaware, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Polly Morgan. There was a spelling match at the Flint Hill school house on last Wednesday night, quite a large crowd was present and they all enjoyed themselves fine.

Stokes Brothers, Henson and Parker have moved their saw mill onto Richard Morgan's land. There was a spelling match at the Pooltown school house last Friday night, 18th. There was a large crowd present.

JACKSON COLLEGE

Most of the farmers are very busy chopping, cleaning, and preparing for the summer.

Public work such as saw milling has been shut down for the past few weeks on account of the bad weather.

The Ribelin Saw Mill Co., will be ready to do business Monday, January 29th.

Geo. M. Hoffman had a pair of cant hooks stolen near his saw mill recently. It seems that rogues have got plenty for the last few months.

I notice that Carrie seems to be suppressed about S. C. Morgan selling his buggy. I think his idea for selling it is to get a new dog cart. That will be better, yet, won't it Carrie?

The New Jr. O. U. A. M. Hall at this place is about completed.

J. T. Klutz, who has been in the western part of the United States for the past 10 months, has returned home, and entered school at Crescent, N. C.

Miss Amanda J. Morgan who is teaching school at Craven, N. C., visited home folks Saturday night.

A. T. C. Morgan and family visited Ivey C. Morgan's, Thursday night, the 18th.

Mrs. Ivey C. Morgan had a very serious cancer taken from her face Thursday January 18th. Dr. C. M. Pool performed the operation. Mrs. Morgan is getting along nicely now.

It seems that Carrie is hitting the boys about going rabbit hunting on Sunday. I understand that the rabbits are plenty and tame on Sunday evenings, especially on the Sandy Hills.

Theo. Trexler and Jessie Ribelin went to Richfield Saturday night on business.

J. C. Bame, who has been working near Granite Quarry, has returned home.

A. L. Morgan, who has been in school at Mt. Pleasant, N. C., has returned home.

C. W. Wyatt is spending a few weeks at home.

Misses Belle and Bertha Trexler visited at Ivey C. Morgan's, Sunday evening.

Mrs. Geo. M. Hoffman visited her father Adam Wilhelm Friday and Saturday January 12 and 13. Success to THE WATCHMAN and its many readers. JOHNNY.

SALEM CHURCH. Jan. 27th.—Since the snow we have been having fine weather.

Mrs. P. S. Klutz has been confined to her room for the past week with lagrippe and a general break down.

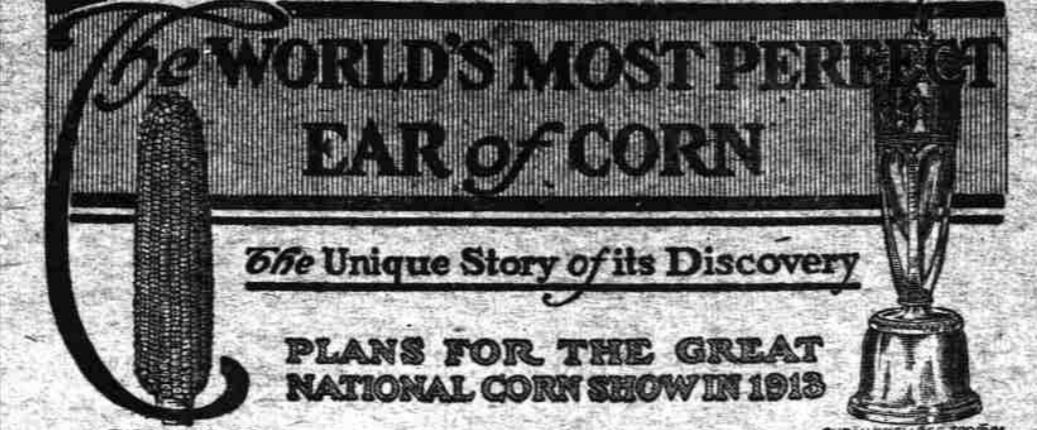
Mrs. James Graham is very low at this time with pneumonia.

W. H. Best, while out in the woods chopping, had the misfortune of getting his collarbone broken and otherwise badly hurt.

John Rex had a light stroke of paralysis but is up again.

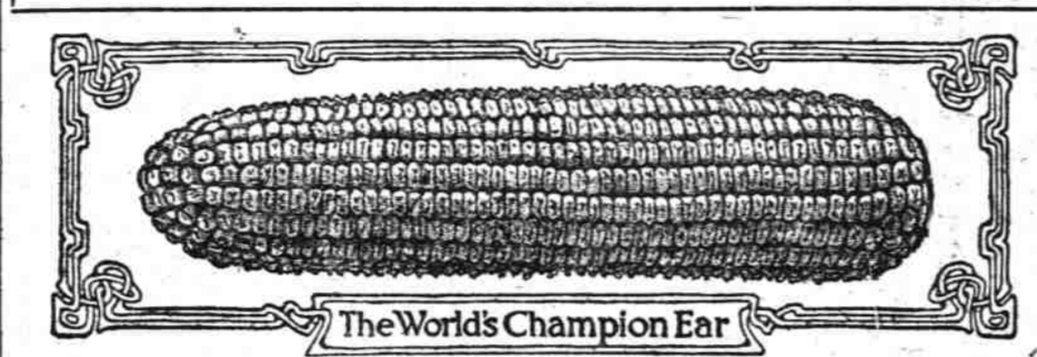
S. L. Elliott, who is at M. J. Boat's is slowly improving.

Rev. Aderholdt is very much improved and is talking of coming home soon.



Just a countryman, that's all," is the way the grower of this remarkable ear of corn, Fred C. Palin, styles himself. Though he is admitted to be one of the leading corn experts in the country, one whose services are greatly in demand as a judge of corn exhibits, Mr. Palin asks for no greater honor or distinction than to be known as a plain Hoosier farmer, and while he openly professes a reasonable pride in the achievement of growing the famous ear of corn which was adjudged the most perfect ever grown, it is without a shadow of ostentation.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST EAR OF CORN. VARIETY—Palin's Corn Flake Yellow. (Named after winning the W. K. Kellogg \$1,000 trophy.) A HYBRID—The seventh year production. PARENT PLANTS: Male—Reid's Yellow Dent. Female—Alexander's Gold Standard. DIMENSIONS—Length 10 1/2 inches; circumference, 7 1/2 inches; number of rows, 20; length of kernels, 1/2 of an inch; width of kernels, about 1/2 of an inch; thickness of kernels, 1/8 of an inch. Arrangement, very uniform, kernels running in straight rows the entire length of the ear without a misplaced grain, holding their length well to the ends of the ear, tip being well covered with dented grains. Weight, 20 ounces. Estimated proportions, corn, 92 per cent; cob 8 per cent.



The champion ear of corn was not an accident. There can be no greater lesson in the value of careful study and painstaking selection of seed and breeding than the experience of this same Palin. The farmer who thinks he stands a chance to go into his corn field and by a piece of luck pick out an ear which nature has fashioned even more perfectly and wrest the honors from this Indiana man, cannot do better to disabuse his mind of this fallacious notion than to read the story of Palin and his famous ear.



FRED C. PALIN. In the first place, Palin knows corn. If there were no more proof of this fact than the bare story of the development and discovery of the champion ear, it would be enough. And in proof of this fact, here is the story as he told it himself:

"It was in November 1910, and we were just harvesting our crop. The weather had been good, but we were a little late with the harvest. The men were going through the fields with the wagon in the usual way gathering the corn, and the harvest was a promising one.

"We have a sort of corn show at my farm all the time, and there is always an award for exceptionally good ears of corn, ears sufficiently true to type to permit of their being exhibited. There is a small box on every corn wagon in which the most perfect ears are thrown. These when properly selected, constitute the seed corn, and among them I think it is the most perfect ear of corn I ever saw. It's good enough to win the W. K. Kellogg \$1,000 trophy this year at Omaha."

"And I was confident the moment I saw it, and looked it over, that I held the trophy winner in my hand. So much so that when I left for Omaha to exhibit the ear, I took it out of my grip and showed it to the station agent with the words, 'That's the ear I'm going to win the \$1,000 tro-

phy with.' So there's the story of the champion ear as Palin told it himself. And on the strength of it who will say that Fred C. Palin doesn't justly merit the title, 'The Man who Knows Corn'?"

But that's not all of Palin's story. He tells it willingly, though modestly, for he knows



that his story whenever told is a source of great encouragement to the thousands of farmers who never had a better chance than he had himself. Palin was born and brought up on a farm near Newtown, Ind. He has never owned a foot of farm land in his life, and the 800-acre farm on which the champion ear of corn which won the Kellogg trophy was grown is a rented farm.

Mr. Palin's real experience as a farmer began about sixteen years ago. He had been on the road as a grocery specialty salesman, when he took a notion that he would rather be an agriculturist, so he took a few short courses at Purdue University and rented a portion of the farm he now occupies. Nine years ago he began carefully breeding this new variety of corn. For two years he planted two rows of Reid's Yellow Dent, then two of Alexander's Gold Standard, detasseling the Gold Standard. From the detasseled rows he picked for seed only the ears carrying the characteristics he wanted to reproduce, planting these in breeding plots and maintaining careful selection, so that in

nine years time he had developed a well settled type.

The Palin champion ear was the first winner of the W. K. Kellogg National Corn Trophy, a handsome silver and enamel cup made by Tiffany of New York at a cost of \$1,000. Mr. Kellogg, as the originator and manufacturer of Toasted Corn-Flakes naturally has a deep interest in the development of the higher grade of corn, for the company of which he is president, the Kellogg Toasted Corn Flakes Co., requires ten thousand bushels of corn a day for the making of its product. The Kellogg trophy was offered to be awarded in annual competition for the best single ear of corn until won twice by the same producer. The fact that the Kellogg product is made only from selected white corn, while the winning ear was of a pronounced yellow type, was a peculiar feature.

The Kellogg trophy was won in 1910 at Columbus, Ohio, by R. A. James, of Charleston, Ill., with a magnificent ear of Reid's Yellow Dent, but not so perfect an ear as that which originally won the trophy and which has become known as "the best ear of corn ever grown."

The next award of this trophy will be made at the next National Corn Exposition, which will be held in February, 1913, at Columbia, S. C. It is planned to make this exposition much broader in scope than any held in the past, and consequently a longer time will be required for preparation. Special buildings are being erected for the exposition, the main building to be 400 by 167 feet, ground measurements. The show will last ten days. The State of South Carolina has appropriated \$40,000 for the expenses of the exposition and the prospect is that Dixie will "do herself proud" in an effort to make this exposition the greatest of its kind ever held.

Will Knock Wilson into the White House. This from the Charlotte News has much truth in it and hits the bulls eye: "The kind of knocks, knocked by the kind of knockers just now knocking, will help Woodrow Wilson more than they will injure him with every fair minded man in America."

BAD TASTE IN THE MOUTH.

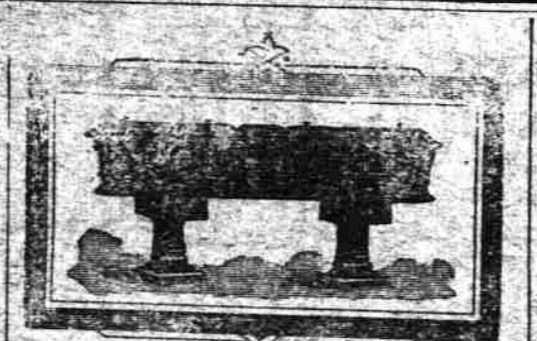
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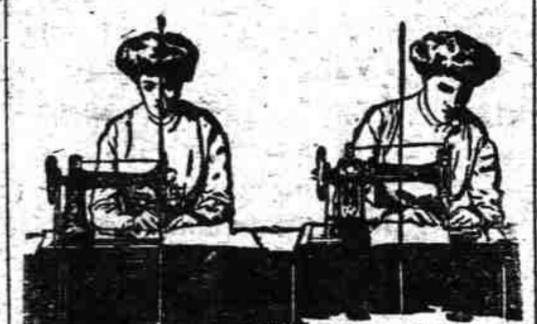
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