

BEAUFORT COUNTY BOY WINNER OF FREE TRIP TO WASHINGTON CITY

Marvin Brown Hodges Raised 101 Bushels of Corn on an Acre Which Entitled Him to Win Trip Given by Congressman John H. Small.

A Beaufort county boy is the champion corn raiser this year in the first congressional district. This honor is bestowed upon the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hodges of Old Ford, N. C. In the contest Marvin Brown Hodges raised 101 bushels of corn on an acre of ground at a cost of 25.1-2 cents. This record not being equaled anywhere in the district this enterprising young corn farmer is now in Washington City as the guest of Congressman John H. Small, who offered a free trip to the national capital to the young boy raising the most corn in his district upon an acre of land. Mr. Hodges left for Washington City Thursday last and is not only seeing the sights in the capital but is also having the privilege of attending the boys and girls clubs now in session there with delegates from all parts of the United States. The Daily News congratulates its young friend upon his good fortune. The News and Observer of yesterday carried the following story with reference to the contest in this district and state:

Three sturdy young North Carolina farmers are today on their way to Washington, D. C., to spend a week visiting the many places of interest in the National Capital as guests of the State Department of Agriculture and Congressman Small and Godwin as a result of winning prizes in the State Boys' Corn Club contest this year. J. Ray Cameron, age 17, of Kinston, Route 1, got first prize for the biggest yield per

acre offered by the Department of Agriculture. Marvin Hodges, age 14, of Washington, Route 1, won the district prize offered by Congressman J. H. Small; and E. C. Morgan, age 16, of Marlboro, Robeson county, got the district prize offered by Congressman H. L. Godwin.

Young Mr. Cameron, who won the first prize in the state this year, raised 190 2-5 bushels of corn on his acre at a cost of 33 cents per bushel. He also won \$50 offered by the Hoatings Seed Company, of Atlanta, Ga. Marvin Hodges, the youngest and smallest of the champion corn growers, goes to Washington by the gift of Congressman Small's offer. His raise was 101 bushels to the acre at a cost of 25.1-2 cents and was the best record in his district. E. M. Morgan raised his crop at a cost of only 12.1-2 cents per bushel, very much lower than any of the other two. His yield was 126 bushels.

The prize-winners will stay in Washington seven days and will visit President Wilson, Secretary Houston, of the Department of Agriculture; Secretary Josephus Daniels, North Carolina Senators and Congressmen and also visit the places of interest there. All their expenses will be paid while in the National Capital.

Messrs. Cameron and Brown left Raleigh last night for Washington and were accompanied by Mr. A. K. Robertson, assistant in Boys' Corn Club work of the State Department of Agriculture. Mr. Morgan took the trip from Wilson and will join the party upon arrival today in Washington.

No Accident in Five Years is Record of Washington & Vandemere

The Washington & Vandemere railroad certainly possesses an enviable record so far as accidents or mishaps are concerned. A News man's talking with Conductor C. S. Whichard yesterday ascertained that since he had been conductor of this road which is forty-one miles in length, that there has not been an accident of any kind due to the railroad. Of course there have been some slight mishaps due not to the carelessness of the officials. Captain Whichard has been conductor for five years, running the first train from Washington to Vandemere. There is no more clever conductor to be found anywhere.

Grandchildren of President Davis Desire His Relics

Washington, Dec. 13.—Relics of Jefferson Davis that for years have rested untouched in a little safe in the office of the Secretary of War, are now being sought by the grandchildren of the President of the Confederacy. Secretary Garrison has asked the Judge Advocate General of the army, Brig. General Crowder, to decide whether the property can be surrendered without an act of Congress.

The relics include a woman's water-proof coat and shawl that belonged to Mrs. Davis, and when Mr. Davis is said to have been wearing when he was captured while trying to make his way through the Union lines in Georgia. There are also several pistols and bullet moulds and a pair of spurs.

Davis' son-in-law, W. M. Hays, of Colorado, and his children have petitioned the Secretary of War to turn the relics over to them.

GAVEL GRILLING

Washington, Dec. 13.—President Wilson and members of the cabinet expected to have good grilling at first dinner of winter of Gridiron club. Tariff, currency question and Mexican situation expected to form subjects for greatest sport.

FROM SCOTLAND HECK

Mr. Robert L. Cotton has returned from Scotland Neck, N. C., where he has been the past two weeks doing some interior work for Mr. J. E. Bowers.

No Place Like Home for Firm Wm. Bragaw & Co

William Bragaw, the senior member of the well-known firm of W. Bragaw & Co., since he has returned to his old business home, certainly looks more than elated. For 23 years he did business in the Carrow building and has not felt right since he was compelled to seek other quarters some few months back, occasioned by the purchase of the property.

Only this week he moved his offices back at the old stand but in a new building where he seems to be as happy as a pig in the sunshine. There is no place like home after all and Mr. Bragaw appreciates this old adage now more than ever. Not only is the senior member all smiles but the remainder of the firm as well.

CHILD ILL

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fenner Phillips will regret to learn of the illness of their daughter, Anna, who is suffering from an attack of fever. It is to be hoped she will soon recover.

WAR AGAINST THE FEMININE DRESS

Cleveland, O., Dec. 13.—Cleveland and Cuyahoga county club women members are being enlisted in a war against present day modes of feminine wearing apparel.

The movement follows an attack on prevailing styles made last night at a convention of the County Woman's Christian Temperance Union when resolutions were adopted which recited that "whereas, many women are given to immodesty as expressed in wearing apparel, and whereas this body believes such a practice tends towards the demoralization of society, the destruction of homes and the extension of the white slave traffic, therefore be it resolved that we condemn all transparent wearing apparel or any other kind which unduly exposes the form or figure of women and take a stand for simplicity and modesty, which are expressions of character in dress."

The club women plan to reform the garment makers themselves if possible. If the designers refuse to listen to the leaders of the crusade declare they will find other means to accomplish their object. Women Christian Temperance Union organizations in other cities will be enlisted in the undertaking, which is hoped to make country-wide.

COTTON SHOOT UP \$2

New Orleans, La., Dec. 13.—The Department of Agriculture's crop estimate of 12,477,000 bales caused a rise of two dollars a bale on the local cotton market today. The figures were lower than most bull estimates and the market immediately became excited, bulls taking on large quantities of long cotton while the bears covered shorts on a large scale.

R. H. BROOM PREACHES HIS LAST SERMON

Will Occupy Pulpit of M. E. Church Tomorrow Morning and Evening. Will Leave for Warrenton.

By arrangement with the new pastor of the First Methodist church, Rev. E. M. Snipes, who is not expected to arrive here until after Christmas day, Rev. R. H. Broom, the late pastor, will fill the pulpit tomorrow morning and evening at the usual hours. The subject of the morning sermon will be "Meeting Divine Appointments." At 7:30 o'clock the subject will be "Likeness to Christ." On Sunday, December 21, the pulpit of this church will be occupied by some preacher not yet announced. Sunday school will meet tomorrow morning promptly at 9:30 o'clock. E. R. Mixon, superintendent.

Rev. Mr. Broom and family in all probability will leave for their new home in Warrenton, N. C., either next Thursday or Friday. They will carry with them the best wishes of the entire community. He has been pastor in Washington for the past three years and has accomplished much good. Over one hundred have been received in the church during his pastorate.

SALE ON TODAY

The sale of the Hackney property under the auspices of the Atlantic Coast Realty Company is on today. The All Star Band gave an open air concert on Main street prior to the sale. Judging from the large number attending the sale of this valuable property a number of lots are being sold easily. It is ideal for building and factory sites.

EDISON TALKING PICTURES DEPART

The Edison Talking Motion Pictures exhibited here for the first time at the New Theater last night simply charmed and delighted the goodly number present. The program included drama, comedy, vaudeville minstrel and other interesting numbers. Those who were sceptical yesterday as to the Wizard's latest in-



Spirit of 1776

Attention are today singing his praise on the streets. The consensus of opinion is that the performance was one of the best yet seen in the city. Judging from the high commendation heard on the streets today the New Theater will be packed tonight when the second and last performance is to be given. Due to the length of the program there will be only one performance and all going should be on hand at the opening.

FIGHT PRODUCERS OIL CO.'S PLAN

Houston, Tex., Dec. 13.—A hearing of the injunction granted J. R. Sharp, restraining the Industrial Securities Company of Maine voting its holding of stock in the Producers Oil Company begins here today. Sharp has had several conferences with the new administration of the Texas Company and could not be induced to withdraw his application for a permanent injunction. No meeting of the stockholders of the Producers Oil Company will be held under a decision rendered in Sharp's suit.

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J. K. DOUGHTON WANTS JOB WITH GOVT.

Has the Endorsement of Both Senators for Position of National Bank Examiner—Pays \$5,000 a Year.

Mr. J. K. Doughton, former cashier of the Bank of Washington, this city, is a candidate for national bank examiner to succeed Fred A. Hull. He has the endorsement of the position of both Senators Simmons and Overman. Mr. Doughton is a son of former Lieutenant Governor Doughton and son-in-law of Mr. Joseph Brown, of Raleigh, one of the most prominent bankers in the country. Before Mr. Doughton can be appointed to the position which he aspires he will have to take an examination, which is prescribed by the treasury department. The position is not under the civil service but the rules of the department provide that before an appointment can be made the applicant must pass a certain examination to show that he is qualified to hold down the job. The salary attached to the position is \$5,000 per year. The many friends of Mr. Doughton in Washington wish him success. He is in every way capable and efficient.

Rev. R. L. Gay Returns From Attending The State Convention

Rev. R. L. Gay, pastor of the First Baptist church, returned today from Shelby, N. C., where he has been attending the State convention of his church. The next convention will meet in Raleigh in 1914. Mr. Gay will fill his regular pulpit of the First Baptist church tomorrow and evening at the usual hours. Sunday school meets at 9:45, E. B. Willis, superintendent. All strangers in the city have a cordial invitation to be present. Good music at all services.

Washington Stores Attractive With Suitable Xmas Gifts

While Christmas day is 12 days off yet, but only 10 for those who would shop, already the joyous feeling of the happiest time of the year pervades in Washington. The stores have already announced that Christmas is coming with their present-filled windows. The expectant faces of the children show it in ever-moving and even now hurrying throngs show it. In store windows and interior already are beginning to appear the festoons of green and red, so typical of the Santa Claus period. While some of the stores have not as yet blossomed into the full bloom of riotous colors they will soon for Christmas season 1914 with Washington again. The passing of each day from now until Christmas will see the rush increase. Those wishing to select gifts for loved ones will have no trouble among their selections in Washington stores. Presents suitable for all from the baby of a few months to grandfather or grandmother are here in abundance. For the children there are more kind of toys than ever. The stores have increased their space for the display of those things so dear to the little tots and in the windows are enough dolls, doll furniture, mechanical furniture and other stocking fillers to keep the children open-mouthed and agog with interest for the rest of their lives. Everything suitable for Christmas gifts is now displayed in Washington and the would-be shopper should not forget to watch the columns of the Daily News daily for suggestions.

WOULD BE BENEDICTS DUE TO MORPHEUS TAKE GRAVEL TRAIN

One of Washington's popular young salesman, accompanied by a friend, paid a visit to Greenville last Sunday for the purpose of seeing their best girl. The entire day was thoroughly enjoyed. Everything was serene until the wee sma hours when their trouble began. Both took the night train for home and when the conductor came around promptly surrendered their tickets which called for Washington. The hour being late and the car comfortable both decided to take a little snooze between towns. The train sped on to Washington, stopped and passengers awoke excepting the two young men. When nearing Bunyan, N. C., the conductor, noticing them, shook them with the question, "Where are you going? To Washington was the reply. Why we are several miles beyond Washington and speeding as fast as we can towards Norfolk. It did not take long for sleepiness to be vanquished from their eyes and beseeched the conductor to stop the train, which was done. Both arrived here Monday morning about daylight, after packing stand for near on to six miles. No more night train trips for them.

DOMINICAN ELECTION PROBLEM

Washington, Dec. 13.—The presidential election which will be held in the republic of Santo Domingo next Monday are causing this government no little anxiety. There is no attempt to conceal the fact that trouble is expected, but if it is necessary for the United States to send officials to "observe" the elections, it is plain to see what future dealings with Latin-American countries are expected to be. There are many American farmers in Santo Domingo whose interests probably would suffer in the event of a serious outbreak as a result of the elections.

A. & M. COLLEGE GIVES 4-WEEKS WINTER COURSE

For Benefit of the Farmers of State. Begins January 9—The Course Will Be Free To All Attending.

The Agricultural and Mechanical College, West Raleigh, N. C., is to offer a four weeks course for farmers beginning January 9, 1914, and it is expected that there will be a large attendance. This college with its excellent equipment and well-trained faculty will in every way do all it can to make this course pleasant and profitable to all who are present. The farmer is the greatest vital institution in North Carolina and everything leading to the betterment of the farmer advances the state. No tuition or fees will be charged the men attending this course. It is free to all. This is certainly a great opportunity for the farmers of North Carolina and they should all take advantage of it and be on hand. It is certainly worth both the time and expense.

MARRIAGE WEDNESDAY

At the White Chapel, Chocowinity, N. C., on last Wednesday evening at 8:30, Mr. J. R. Moore, a merchant of this city, was happily married to Miss Annie L. Bright, daughter of Mr. J. B. Bright. The impressive ceremony was performed in the presence of quite a number of relatives and friends by Rev. C. D. Malone. The ribbon girls were Misses Mary Hill and Mary Buck. Immediately after the wedding the bridal party and friends repaired to the home of the bride's parents, where refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are stopping at the Bell Boarding house, on Respass street. The groom only recently became a citizen of Washington, having purchased the grocery business of Rev. J. H. Jarvis. The Daily News extends congratulations.

NO INVASION MEXICO BY AMERICAN TROOPS SAYS CORRESPONDENT

Wishes to Set the People Straight on the Much Misrepresented Situation in That Country. Armed Intervention Means War.

(BY C. H. TAVENNER.)

Washington, Dec. 13.—In today's letter I want to set the people straight on the much misrepresented Mexican situation:

There is to be no invasion of Mexico by the American troops. Armed intervention in Mexico would mean war positively, and therefore President Wilson has no more intention of permitting it than he has of going to the top of Washington Monument and leaping off.

To put the situation in still another way: There will be no war unless you, and you, and you, readers, and 90 per cent of all the rest of the citizens of the United States, demand war. Things would have to come to a pass where there would be such good reasons for war that the people would simply compel the president to act, before he would yield.

Who in the world desires armed intervention in Mexico, anyway? you ask. There are a few large city yellow journals that want intervention and many rich Americans having money invested in Mexico, who want it. Of recent years their Mexican investments have not been paying the usual dividends because of the almost continuous revolutions, and this comparative handful of rich men would like to have American soldiers sent to Mexico to be used as policemen to guard their property.

Why should the lives of American soldiers be sacrificed and the people's treasure wasted in protecting "the property rights" of those of our citizens who have gone beyond our borders, have "taken a chance" on the laws and conditions beyond our control?

It would make little difference to these men how many lives of American soldiers might be snuffed out in such an enterprise. All they desire is that their mines and plantations be policed so they may continue their exploitation project and their dividends may not be interfered with.

The cost of war with Mexico would not be borne by these men, either, but would almost wholly fall upon the shoulders of the masses. The only funds the United States government has with which to finance a war, are those which have been raised by taxing the people. People must eat, wear, arm, order to live. Of all money treasury, 90 per cent, has been collected from the common people.

When armed troops once cross the Rio Grande, no man is so stupid that he can foretell when they will return, or what unexpected calamities may set in before they can end.

That all factions in Mexico unite to resist armed intervention by the United States, and that intervention, therefore, means war, there is little doubt.

Officials of the War Department believe that anywhere from 250,000 to 500,000 men would be necessary to maintain anything like peace in Mexico. The guerilla warfare is the Mexican method of fighting. At the time the Americans would occupy a city, however small it might be, sufficient troops would return to the mountains and recapture it. The War Department well recognizes it would be necessary to have sufficient troops to police every part of Mexico at the same time, otherwise when peace was being enforced at one point, revolution would break out in another.

If American troops conquer the whole of Mexico, evacuation would become difficult, if possible at all. We would then have upon our hands a huge new territory with a large population in continuous revolt.

That war with Mexico would open this country to attack by any other hostile nation, should also be considered.

This American people can well afford in this matter to put their complete faith in the president. He is clear-headed. He is wise. He is true. Mr. Wilson is a really great president, one of the greatest we have ever had.

Pastor Searight to Conclude Sermons on Book of Job

At the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening the pastor, Rev. H. B. Searight, will preach. The subject for the morning discourse will be "Religion and Health." At the evening hour Mr. Searight expects to conclude his series of sermons on the Book of Job, being the seventh and last. After the evening sermon the offering will be for foreign missions and it is hoped that a large congregation will be present. Sunday school will meet at 3 o'clock. C. M. Brown, Jr., superintendent. Excellent music is announced for tomorrow at this church. All cordially invited.

GRIDIRON CLUB DINNER

Washington, Dec. 13.—The first dinner of the winter season of the Gridiron club will be given here tonight and it is expected that President Wilson and the members of his cabinet will come in for a lot of good natured joshing. Mr. Wilson and the members of his official family have been invited to attend the affair. Much of the jollity of the banquet will, it is expected, center around the tariff, the currency question and the Mexican situation.

CAUSING ANXIETY

Washington, Dec. 13.—Elections in Santo Domingo next Monday are causing the administration some anxiety. Trouble is feared, whatever the results may be, and in protecting interests of American residents, chiefly farmers, U. S. government will have to assume policy which will hold good in dealing with Latin-American countries in future.

AN INNOVATION

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 13.—Fifth annual convention of Texas Industrial Congress in session here will give stress not on largest production of farmers, but on largest net profit, inaugurating a sensational innovation.

Baraca-Philatheas Meet at Methodist Sunday at 4 O'clock

At the First Methodist church, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, there will be a meeting of the Baraca-Philatheas Union of the city for the purpose of adopting the constitution for the city union which is now ready for submission to the committee recently appointed to draft same. In addition to this part of the work for tomorrow several addresses will be made. Mr. W. R. Robertson will speak from the theme, "What is the class worth to me," and Mr. W. K. Jacobson will discuss the subject, "What is am worth to the class." Mr. W. M. Kear will discuss the advisability of city union. One of the features of the afternoon will be a social sale by Mr. J. R. Moss. All have a cordial invitation to attend.

AURORA CITIZEN ILL

Dr. David T. Taylor was called to Aurora, N. C., early yesterday morning by phone to see Mr. Henry Bonner, one of that section's enterprising and highly esteemed citizens. Mr. Bonner's condition is such as to occasion alarm. He is between 60 and 70 years of age. His condition today is said to be precarious and little hope is entertained for his recovery.

EXPRESS REDUCTION DELAYED

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Interstate Commerce Commission's order reducing express rates, which was to have become effective today, has again been extended to February, to give the companies more time to arrange for the change.

COTTON MARKET

Seed cotton, \$4.50.
Lint cotton, 12.5-8c.
Cotton seed, \$23.00 per ton.

TRY OUR NEW CORNED HAM—They are nice. E. K. WILLS.