

CORN GROWERS ARE ENTERTAINED

Winners of Great Corn-Growing Contest Are Given Royal Greeting by President and Secretary Wilson in Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Eleven country boys, the 11 best corn growers in the United States, from 11 southern states, have just been the guests of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, who declared that they are the pride of his heart. He makes no secret of the fact that he is most jealous of them. It was through these young agriculturists and the medium of the boys' corn clubs that the south furnished nearly one-third of the nation's crop of corn for 1910.

These 11 leaders of the nation's farmers are mere lads, boys who had to get excused from school in order to attend the secretary's "party," boys who go swimming when they can get an hour off from the hoeing and the haying in the hot summer time. They are, besides their other distinctions, the youngest corn growers in the world who have achieved such honor.

The 11 young farmers are the winners of the corn growing contest which has been going on in almost every southern state since planting time last spring. They won out in competition with no less than 46,255 other boys. Each of these raised an acre of corn last summer. The harvest of each was sent to the county fairs, where the first prizes were awarded in each county. Then the winners of the county fair competitions sent selections of their products to the state fairs in 11 states. The winners in the state contests were chosen and, according to the provisions of the contest, the winners of the state contests were to be sent to Washington to see Secretary Wilson, and through the good offices of "Uncle Jim" they were invited to the White House, where President Taft told them how proud the nation was of its world-beating corn growers.

Of the 11 boys, one came from each of the states of Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. Their ages ran from 10 to 16. The contests were instituted by the Farmers' Co-operative and Demonstration bureau of the department of agriculture through the medium of the boys' corn clubs. Money to pay for their trips to Washington was raised by various means. In some instances public-minded individuals volunteered to pay the expenses of the prize winner from his state. Senator Gore of Oklahoma was responsible for the lad from his state. In other cases state bankers' associations or other state organizations agreed to defray the expenses of one boy for one week.

In Washington the boys were paid the highest honors possible by the department of agriculture. Upon their arrival they were turned over to Secretary Wilson, whom they have long worshipped from afar. The secretary adopted them on sight. He thinks they are the finest 11 boys the country ever produced.

BURGLARS KILL POLICE WHO CAUGHT THEM

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Burglars who killed two policemen last night in a pistol duel with five other officers were tunnelling to a vault containing \$100,000, according to information given out at Scotland Yard.

The robbers had started the tunnel from a house in Cutler street to the vaults of the Henry Harris jewelry shop at Houndsditch, and the boring was nearly completed. A policeman discovered the tunnel and summoned help. In the fight that followed two police officers were killed and the robbers escaped. A corps of 50 detectives is seeking the burglars.

Sons of Veterans.

Attention, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.: Chester A. Arthur Camp, No. 39, of Medford will meet each week, beginning next Monday night, at Angle Opera house. All members come and help arrange for next year's officers and other business.

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FIR FOR PAVEMENT URGED PORTLAND

New Market for Oregon Product Gives Wonderful Promise—Timbermen Are Much Interested in the Matter.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 17.—Use of Oregon fir for wood block pavement on a large scale, not only in Portland, but throughout the country, is a new market of wonderful promise for the unlimited forest product of this state which is engaging serious thought of local lumber operators. Wood block pavement is growing in favor annually. Engineering and endurance tests have proved the Oregon wood especially efficient. And Oregon fir has figured in the paving supply to an almost unappreciable amount.

Portland and Oregon sawmill men hope to see a change. They know that about 25 or 30 per cent of every tree cut in the forests of this state goes now as waste. All the upper portion of the superb trunk, which is passed at present in the demand for high-class saw logs, is left to rot. These tree-tops would be good saw logs in other lands, but out here the standards of lumber are so high that they are not touched. More boxes and furniture factories have been suggested as a means for using the inferior grades of lumber that could be manufactured from tree-tops and logs now left in the forest, but under existing economic, transportation and market conditions these seem to be impracticable.

Wooden block pavement is now being turned to as an even more promising market. This is a material which can be made of a very knotty or broken trunk. Hundreds of millions of them could be turned out monthly from tops left by logging operations. Good wooden blocks command a better figure than cordwood, and no doubt is felt that under proper conditions a vast portion of what is now thrown away as waste could be saved and made to yield many hundred thousand dollars to the northwest over the present timber and lumber income.

A Committee has been named by the Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturers' association to take up a study of wooden block pavement and will make its first report at the meeting of the association to be held tomorrow afternoon. Facts have been gathered of the progress made in use of this material, and all are surprised at the rapid increase. Manufacturers are using it extensively, and satisfaction is so great that the area saved enlarges rapidly.

A noiseless paving on which horses can get a footing, and yet which has an average wearing life, is the great desideratum of paving engineers. Wooden block, especially the tough Oregon fir, embodies these elements more completely than any other. That it has not been used more is a surprise to those familiar with its qualities. To get the northwest lumber manufacturers in position to profit by the immense business sure to come from a revival in wood block paving, the special committee of local men will press its work for months.

If Chicago, New York and other eastern cities, and even Berlin and Paris, can afford to use wooden blocks for pavement extensively, lumber manufacturers are marveling why Portland, Tacoma and Seattle, the very heart of the great fir industry should not use more, because of the relative cheapness here.

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