

CLUB CO-OPERATES WITH AGENT COBB FOR CORN CONTEST

Rules for Contest to Compete for \$175 in Prizes is Announced—County Show to be Given.

To stimulate interest in scientific corn growing, the co-operative plan of the Richmond Commercial Club and County Agent Cobb was launched today, offering prizes amounting to \$175 to be given in the Wayne County Corn Growing contest of the Commercial Club. Management of the contest, which will close at the end of the season, with a county corn show, was placed entirely in the hands of the county agent yesterday.

In a few days circulars will be sent to all localities giving farmers the rules of the contest, the reasons for holding it and the requirements for entrance.

The co-operation of the Commercial Club was secured last fall through the influence of Secretary Charles Jordan, who recommended the appropriation of \$175 for Mr. Cobb to use for prize money in such a contest, the aim being to increase the corn yield of Wayne county, add to the farmers' profits and ultimately augment the business conditions of the entire county.

Wayne county's yield of corn is about 38 bushels to the acre, while the soil here is capable of producing about 50 bushels if the corn is properly grown, Mr. Cobb stated. This increase would mean an addition into the hands of the farmers of thousands of dollars a year, the additional average profit from each acre if the average yield were increased to fifty bushels, would be no less than \$50.

"We are co-operating with the farmers and the agricultural agent here because we want to encourage more intensive corn growing," Mr. Jordan said today. "We believe that contest will increase the standard of corn growing and will tend towards an agricultural uplift. The club will keep in close touch with the agricultural interests of the county because whatever benefits that interest, benefits the entire community."

Mr. Jordan will write a short preface for the circulars which Agent Cobb will issue in which he will explain the attitude of the Commercial Club towards the farmers' interests, and tell why he advocated the appropriation of \$175 for prizes.

To advertise the contest more extensively Mr. Cobb will give a short talk to every school where agriculture is taught and to every farmers' meeting telling of the contest.

It is expected that the winning of the prizes of the contest will be regarded as a great honor to the farmers and the honor will be sought more than the money in the prizes.

The prize money is divided into seven parts, the first prize being \$60; second prize, \$40; third prize, \$25; fourth prize \$20; fifth prize, \$15; sixth prize \$10; seventh prize, \$5.

The contestant will be graded not only on the yield per acre but on the profit which is made. The five acres of corn entered must be farmed on a business basis as well as on a scientific basis to be successful as a prize winner. In grading, 60 per cent is given for yield per acre; 30 per cent is given for profit on investment; and 10 per cent is given for the display of the best ten ears.

The amount the farmer is to charge in the cost of production for his own time is specified. He is to include land rent for the five acre plot as well as horse hire, cost of fertilizer and any other expense incurred in raising the corn.

It will not be necessary for farmers to designate the five acre plot at the time of entry in the contest, but it must be specified soon after planting the corn.

The contest rules follow:

1—All contestants in the Men's Corn Growing Contest of the Richmond Commercial Club shall be residents of Wayne county.

2—Each contestant shall grow five acres.

3—Each contestant shall keep a detailed record of the details concerning the corn, all work done, cost of production, number of bushels grown, etc.

4—The date of harvest shall be specified by the committee in charge. On or before this date specified by the committee the plot should be measured by the person or persons delegated and the plot should be harvested and weighed in the presence of persons delegated by the committee in charge. A report of the weight of the weight of the corn must be made immediately to the county agricultural agent.

5—Each contestant shall select 10 ears of corn grown in his plot and exhibit them at a county corn show to be arranged for by the committee in charge.

6—In estimating the cost of production, \$6 per acre shall be charged for the land. The work of each man shall be estimated at 15 cents an hour and the work of each horse at 10 cents an hour. Manure should be rated at \$1 for each one-horse wagon load and \$2 for each two-horse wagon load. Fertilizer shall be rated at the price paid for it.

7—In awarding the premiums the following basis shall be used:

Yield per acre 60 per cent
Best showing of profit on investment 30 per cent
Best exhibit of ten ears 10 per cent
Total 100 per cent

For the Stomach and Liver. I. N. Stuart, West Webster, N. Y. writes: "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for disorders of the stomach and liver off and on for the past five years, and it affords me pleasure to state that I have found them to be just as represented. They are mild in their action and the results have been satisfactory. I value them highly." For sale by all druggists.

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PYTHIANS EXPRESS SENSE OF GRATITUDE

At the final meeting of the Pythian Golden Jubilee Committee the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Be It Resolved, That we, representing the Pythian Fraternity of Richmond, publicly express their appreciation to the individuals and firms who contributed to the Golden Jubilee Celebration held Feb. 19, 1914.

The Evening Item and Richmond Palladium for their liberal publicity.

The Richmond Electric company for the use of their Laco 2000 C. P. Lamp and the electric equipment of the shield.

Jones Hardware Company for the large flag used in decorating, and ruby lamps used on the shield.

C. E. Ruch for the labor furnished in the floral decoration of the shield.

G. R. Gause for labor furnished on the shield and stage decoration.

McConaha & Company for the use of piano.

O. G. Murray for music stands furnished for the officers.

Westcott Motor Car Company for elevations for the officers' chairs.

Municipal Electric Light Plant for putting in extra line to the shield.

R. G. Leedis for use of automobiles.

We also wish to express our public appreciation who, although being members of the committee, so ably designed and equipped the shield. Mr. Charles Wiley designing the electric effects and Mr. William Meine designing the floral effects, which added so much to the pleasure and success of the celebration.

(Signed) Frank C. Roberts, Chr. Elmer A. Klopp, Sec.

GUNS TO BACK UP MONROE DOCTRINE

WASHINGTON, March 3.—That a frank discussion of the Mexican situation will soon take place in the Senate was indicated today as a result of speeches made by Senator Chamberlain, Democrat, and Senator Reed Smoot, Republican, before the Second Army Corps last night.

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RAWSKI.—The funeral of Carl Rawski will take place Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the St. Andrew's Catholic church. Burial in St. Andrew's cemetery. Friends may call any time.

JOSEPH H. ARMSTRONG.

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