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| 3 pkgs Washington Crisp | .25 |
| 2 pkgs Cream of Wheat | .25 |
| 2 pkgs grape-nuts | .25 |
| 2 25c baking powder | .35 |
| 6 5c pkgs tobacco | .25 |
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| 18 pounds sugar | \$1.00 |
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OUR BELOVED CONGRESSMAN SCOTT FERRIS

One of the Growing Young Statesmen of America.
One Who Oklahoma is Proud of

AS CONGRESS has convened, we wish to again say a few words about one whom we all esteem and love. We have had occasion to say many good things about our beloved Congressman, Hon. Scott Ferris, and his work; and we hope to have cause to say much more.

As a matter of fact, Congressman Ferris commands more respect and influence in Congress than any other Member of the Lower House ever sent from Oklahoma—and this is no discredit to our other Oklahoma Members either. Scott is simply one of the growing young statesmen of America. He grows bigger and bigger and his influence extends with each succeeding session of Congress. Therefore we do not hesitate to say that he will be found well to the front among the leaders in Congress from this on. He has already accomplished more for Oklahoma than any other man ever sent to the Lower House of Congress from this State, and he will now be able to do more. Watch him grow and tower amidst the greatest of them all.

We are proud to say that Mr. Ferris has never brought any criticisms on our fair young commonwealth. He has ever held the State up in a lofty zone of honor and progress. His record is without blot or blemish. He is frank, open-hearted, but dignified. He is always on the alert in the interest of his people, and is ever ready to take a progressive position and hold on to it until something is accomplished. He believes in doing things, rather than merely saying that he will. He is more of a man of action than of words—though of the latter he is gifted and can make good use of when necessary.

While in Washington a couple of weeks last spring, in the interest of the irrigation possibilities so abundant in the watersheds of the Wichita Mountains, we were frequently thrown in company with Mr. Ferris and other Members of both the Lower and Upper Houses, and had a fine opportunity to watch him at close range and in actual service and compare him with others; and we are free to say that our observations there greatly enlarged our esteem and admiration for him and more than confirmed all that we have ever said of him.

The late report of the State Board of Agriculture shows that the 1912 wheat acreage is 93.6 of that of last year; and the growing condition 87.8 per cent, which is a high average.

When the plow horses are brought in at night the harness should be removed and the shoulders washed and rubbed dry while they are feeding.

A man of understanding holdeth his peace.

Indigestion is the cause of more than half of the diseases of horses, and very largely caused by improper food and working them on a full stomach.

The best pasture fence is plenty of good wholesome feed and water. Try it.

Stock should not be compelled to drink surface or pond water.

A quiet tongue shows a wise head.

Prizes For Boys and Girls

Members of the Boys' and Girls' clubs organized by the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, assisted by Senator Gore, Senator Owen, Governor Cruce and others, will compete for many tempting prizes this year. Senator Owen, was, we understand, the first of the Southern men to offer large cash prizes to boys and girls as an inducement to grow more profitable crops. This year he is offering over a thousand dollars in prizes to the young people of Oklahoma. Five hundred dollars of this will be distributed through the Agricultural and Mechanical College to the three boys and girls making the best crops of kaffir and milo maize, on the following basis:

Best exhibit of ten heads of kaffir, twenty per cent.

Greatest yield per acre, thirty per cent.

Best written account, showing the history of the writer's crop, twenty per cent.

Best showing of profit on investment, based on the commercial price, thirty per cent.

The prizes thus awarded will be, \$200.00 to the first; \$150.00 each to the second and third.

The minimum acre to be cultivated is to be one-half acre, and open to boys and girls only.

The exhibits of the competitors are to be shown at the Farmers' Short Course at the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Stillwater, from January 13 to 18, inclusive, 1913.

There are college clubs of boys and girls in almost every county in Oklahoma. Over thirty thousand boys and girls in the State are entitled to take part in this contest, as active members of these clubs; and thousands more should enroll themselves, including many from the vicinity of Elgin.

Many other valuable prizes have been offered by public spirited men of the State, by the College, and by the State Board of Agriculture. The entire list of prizes to be awarded will be sent upon request by the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Stillwater. The college also furnishes to members of these clubs, free of cost, practical bulletines and circulars of information bearing on everything involved in these contests.

All boys and girls, between the ages of nine and eighteen years of age, who desire to enter this contest, should send for application blanks and preliminary reports at once.

An average of about two-fifths of a bale of cotton per acre in Oklahoma for this year is indicated in the monthly report of the State Board of Agriculture. According to reports from 189 correspondents, the average number of pounds of cotton per acre are: In the seed 578.8; in the lint 106.9. Approximately ninety per cent of the cotton has been picked and ginned. Last year's average yield was 174 lint.