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Adversity is a hard master, but sometimes a much-needed one. There's more work being done by hundreds of farmers on less rations and other expenses, than in any year previously.

It would be interesting to know just how many thousands of hard dollars have gone out of Stokes county during the last two years to pay for automobiles. This money went to make Ford and other millionaires richer, while it has left us tremendously poorer.

Elbert Hubbard Passes.

Elbert Hubbard went down with the Lusitania. He was called by many the brightest writer in America. He was the greatest foe the churches had--an atheist, an infidel, a bitter scoffer, a tireless enemy of religion. He was more original and more brilliant, but less profound than Ingersoll.

Fungi.

An able bodied young man with nothing to do ought to be taken off somewhere and quietly chloroformed, economically speaking. A loafer is a wart on society, a carbuncle on creation. Of such things criminals are developed. In a sense, all persons of leisure are not honest, for they are living off somebody else's labor. Just taking something which does not belong to them, without giving value received. In the last analysis--stealing.

On the Farm.

The reign of the honeysuckle and the roses, the bumble-bee and the mocking-bird, the bull-frog and the whippoorwill is here. Sweet scents, sweet sights and sweet sounds--the good old summertime. Mr. Farmer is rising early to fix fertilizer in the land, or to cultivate the growing corn. There ain't no time to lose on a well-regulated plantation now, and won't be for many moons. The indications point to an extra good wheat crop. Tobacco plants are as a rule plentiful. Corn is coming up and doing well. For all of which let us all be thankful.

Wilson Wires Out Of War.

The way that President Wilson has handled the delicate war situation to this time has met with the overwhelming approbation of a great majority of the people of the United States irrespective of political party. In the crisis developing from the Lusitania incident he has had the undivided support of the nation, with the exception of ex-President Roosevelt, who wanted us to go to scrapping. But there is no danger of war as long as Wilson is in the White House, and while he is preserving peace he will do it with honor to the nation. This is the belief of the best informed.

This Marvelous Age.

Since the advent of the automobile it is interesting to note the large and growing crop of embryo machinists in the country, and with what learning they can converse on magneeters, speedmeeters, musquitoes, etc. How nonchalantly they beat on the delicate mechanism of cars with monkey-wrenches and crow-bars, and how quickly they can diagnose diseases of the running gear, and with what distressing malpractice they sometimes effect cures. One evening not long ago a bunch came clipping along in a machine, and striking a five per cent. grade, the car wheezed a few times, bucked, and refused to go further. Out jumped the crowd, and while the shoffer began to take the engine to pieces, the others prized at different places with whatever tools came most handy. They sweated an hour or two, but there was nothing--absolutely nothing--stirring. Finally a fellow riding by on a mule suggested that they look in the gasolene tank. This bright idea all hands put into practice at once, and there was found the trouble. The poor Ford,

abused, beaten, cussed and worsted had just stopped for the plain want of something to go upon. The fuel had burnt out.

Then it is delightful to view them speeding it--with what incredible swiftness they hike along the public highways, with cigarette between teeth, but with absolutely no regard for their own necks or for the rights of the public. We say it is delightful--we were only anticipating the potential dangers to the driver without hurting the simple but innocent companions, but guess this would be impossible, impracticable. There is a special, discriminating providence which watches over the birds of the air, and tempers the winds to the shorn lamb.

It is said that a driver should not drink over a gallon a day in order to do his best work. More than this is calculated to disturb his mental attitude, and cause the car to go up banks, jump on people's mules, and sometimes lie heavily on the automobilelists. A recent fad has come about to go to Patrick after supper and get back home under cover of the friendly darkness before your neighbor who wants to help you drink it up finds out you have got any.

M. F. Overby.

Mr. M. F. Overby of Gap was here Monday and paid us a pleasant visit. Uncle Mat is on the shady side of seventy, and his ripe years of experience have not failed to bring him the fruitage of wisdom and understanding. He is illiterate in book lore, but learned in the sound and practical ways of making an honest living, and his old-fashioned ideas of integrity and thrift are without any frills or flourishes. He calls a spade a spade, and not an agricultural implement.

Uncle Mat belongs to the aristocracy of bread and meat--long-headed fellows who took the sane view of the thing and decided that it is not so much what you handle, but what you hold, that makes you prosperous. His idea of the hard times that many people are talking about in the country is that they are the result in a large measure of thriftlessness and unwisdom in farming. Many in the past have devoted their whole energies and the cream of their soils to tobacco, while neglecting the necessities of life, and neglecting to build up the fertility of the lands so that the production of the necessities of life would be possible. Consequently commercial fertilizers and a one-crop system have depleted the natural richness of the land, and the owner finds that while he has handled the cash, he could not hold it. It slipped through his fingers like a greased eel, and the daisy middling man is guilty of getting it.

Many farmers in Stokes county believe that this is naturally a tobacco country, and that our soils are fit for nothing else, especially the mountain slopes and uplands, and that if tobacco raising is not profitable, nothing can be, and we had as well sell out and move away to a more favorable region. Uncle Mat's philosophy pronounces such reasoning to be a great fake. He has lived and prospered and grown sleek and fat with the passing years, right on top of the ridge of Sauratown mountain. During his long career he has watched tobacco rise and watched it fall. Some years high, some years low--always uncertain. But he has never yet experienced a year that wheat bread and ham meat didn't taste mighty good, and that corn and fodder didn't fatten stock and cattle. He has always made it an unvarying rule to first produce at home the supplies needed at home to eat, and then go in for tobacco, and make as much of it as he could. And this is the sane and sensible way. So as he sits and ruminates and philosophizes in the sunset of his life, Uncle Mat finds himself a pensioner on no man. On the contrary he owns a comfortable home, a full corn crib, and keeps at all times on his table a stack of apple pies twelve inches high, with the outside made out of wheat bread. His smoke house is never empty, and the sunshine does not shimmer through the cadaverous proportions of his mules. No biting March wind ever swept away one of his cows. Uncle Mat's name on a note is counted to be mighty good stuff in Stokes county, and he has money in the bank. He owns besides, broad acres of good land, lives at home quietly, and is able to help his neighbors when he wants to. And so there you are.

Commencement exercises of Stuart, Va., High School will be held May 22-24 inclusive. A large crowd and big time expected.

Notice of Meeting of Stockholders of the Big Creek Telephone Company.

Notice is hereby given to all stockholders of the Big Creek Telephone Company that a meeting of said stockholders is called to meet at Brown Mountain Missionary Baptist church on Saturday, June 5th, 1915, at the hour of one o'clock p. m., for the purpose of transacting very important business of the company, and every stockholder is respectfully requested to be present in person, if possible, and if for any cause any one cannot be personally present, he will please send writty proxy.

All persons who have paid for stock, and have not had stock issued, will please present their receipts to the secretary and treasurer of the company, Mr. Bob Collins, Francisco, N. C., on or by the 5th day of June, 1915, so that certificates of stock may be issued to them.

All operators of the company, are respectfully requested to call all the stockholders over their lines, and tell them of the meeting above named.

Any persons who have paid for stock and have no receipts and are entitled to same, which has not been issued, are requested to apply for stock at said meeting.

This the 13th day of May, 1915.
J. THOS. SMITH, President.
J. R. NUNN, Director.
Bob Collins, Sec-Treas.

Messrs O. E. Snow, W. R. Cox and D. Owens, of Pilot Mt., were here yesterday. Mr. Snow qualified as executor of the will of the late J. D. Gordon, who recently passed away near Pinnacle.

Whole Family Benefited By Wonderful Remedy

There are many little things to annoy us, under present conditions of life. The hurry, hard work, noise and strain all tell on us and tend to provoke nervousness and irritability. We are frequently so worn out we can neither eat, sleep nor work with any comfort. We are out of line with ourselves and others as well.

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