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## Wheat in Henderson

The possibilities of wheat raising in Henderson county has never been given the consideration the subject deserves. Judging from the results obtained by Mr. A. Cannon, wheat raising here should go a long way towards making the farmer prosperous and the community independent of outside flour and bacon.

Mr. Cannon has raised this year on 16-10 acres of land, 57 bushels of fine wheat, samples of which may be seen at this office.

On 8 1/2 acres he raised 220 bushels. The weight per bushel was 63 1/2 lbs. This is the eleventh year Mr. Cannon has grown wheat and the lowest average during that time was 10 1/2 bushels to the acre.

Referring to this subject, Mr. Cannon said to a Hustler representative:

"I understand that Mr. C. A. Hobbs is going to erect a roller mill in Hendersonville, and that being the case there is no reason in the world why every farmer in the county should not raise wheat for all the flour his family may consume and a great many could raise a large proportion of the amount that is consumed in Hendersonville, thereby saving many thousands of dollars to the farmers of the county which now is being sent out to other sections. There is no reason why any farmer should not raise, by broadcasting his barnyard manure on a small area of land, a minimum of 15 bushels of wheat to the acre, and with a strong probability of 25 bushels.

"By using fertilizer of a high grade when sowing his wheat, and in the early spring using a weeder or small harrow, sowing clover at the rate of 10 lbs to the acre, and by rotating his crops, he would bring his land up to a high state of cultivation.

"The clover furnishes the nitrogen, which is the most costly ingredient of the fertilizer which the farmer uses.

"Let the farmer wake up and sow a sufficient amount of wheat this year in all sections of the county and make a practical demonstration that wheat CAN be raised here as successfully as in any section of the country. By raising

our wheat we can use the bran for feeding our cattle and the shorts for raising hogs. And if the farmers would adopt this plan they would save not only their dollars, but they would save thousands of dollars in the purchase of Western bacon."

Hon. I. C. Chamberlain, who lectured so delightfully at the opera house, in a personal letter, says: "Home again with many pleasant recollections of a delightful trip. Hope we may be so happy as to spend some time in Hendersonville next year."

Pleasant Hill Graded School will give an entertainment on Friday, Sept. 6, beginning at 7:30 p. m. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school library. An excellent program has been arranged, and a pleasant time may be expected.

### I Know a Little Stream.

The following was written by Mr. C. H. Doing, of Maryland, who received his inspiration from M. S. Farmer's description of the beautiful streams of Henderson county. Mr. Farmer is now a resident of Washington tho' his heart is still in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

I know a little stream, far back From human habitation; A stream that makes a shining track, And throws its murmured music back, In ripples of elation.

A blithesome little stream, that winds Among the reeds and rushes; Through alders gray and wild grapevines,

Where willow sprays and eglantines A harbor make for thrushes.

Between its fern-fringed banks it fares Its liquid notes back throwing, Soft as a maiden's vesper prayers, And tender as the wind harp's airs, In whispered numbers flowing.

Bright little stream! How oft I've trod The paths beside its shores; O'er moss and sedge, o'er sand and sod, With liquid music every rod, As down its course it pours.

Flow on, bright stream, and flowing sing,

Though I'm no longer near you, Fond memory to my heart will bring Each whispered note, each cherished thing

And so I still shall hear you.

## Sensational Affidavits

"It is rumored" that affidavits of the most sensational character are being prepared, or are already prepared, reflecting upon prominent people of Hendersonville who have been active in the Chautauqua mix-up.

There will be a shaking of family skeletons which will be good reading for people outside of Hendersonville, but bad for Hendersonville itself, it is alleged.

Some of the most prominent men in the city, who are absolutely disinterested personally, believe a compromise should be made, if possible. Some efforts toward that end have been made, unsuccessfully, so far.

### The Chautauquas.

The Chautauquas are over for 1907. At the Opera House, Polk Miller drew the best audiences of the entire session, the house being practically full at both occasions. His entertainment was very good indeed.

The Auditorium drew big crowds all during the week, and certainly the people got their money's worth. Some of the artists there remarked that nowhere in the whole country was there a Chautauqua which could show a list of attractions surpassing those which have appeared here.

### Broughton and Taylor.

Broughton and Bob Taylor drew the largest audiences at the Auditorium. They are about as opposite types as may be found. Broughton said, before his lecture, that any man who said he had been bought off by Dr. Strouse's lied. He said it emphatically and repeated it and got in a few remarks about liquor selling in Hendersonville which made the audience sit up and take notice.

Senator Bob Taylor was simply fine. He held the big audience almost in his hand, moving them to laughter or to tears as he willed. He prefaced his lecture with the remark that Dr. Strouse deserved the loyalty of the people here and the remark was heartily applauded.

He combined his two lectures, The Fiddle and the Bow, and Castles in the air, and certainly no more enjoyable treat could be possible. He is one of those very few men whose audiences regrets he does not talk an hour longer. He said he was just 21 years old that night and certainly not one of his audience felt one day older than he at the end of the finest lecture ever heard in Hendersonville.

### "The Best the World Affords"

One of the best known ministers of the Gospel in Hendersonville put it aptly when he said that the recent sessions of the Chautauquas, had afforded the people of Hendersonville an opportunity to hear and see the "best the world affords." As he said, all one had to do was to pay a purely nominal price, and go in and listen to some of the most noted men in the world.

Bob Taylor, Polk Miller, Prof. Woodland, one of the world's greatest scientists and his marvelous demonstrations of liquid air and wireless telegraphy, Spurgeon of England, besides such men as Youna, whose skill is almost supernatural, and Spedon, whose pictures caused many a hearty laugh, have delighted Hendersonville audiences, during the past two weeks.

"The best the world affords" has been brought to the people of Hendersonville. The cost to them as been nominal. Wonder if it has been appreciated?

### Loving Cup Presented.

Saturday night at the Auditorium, a silver loving cup was presented to Dr. Strouse. Col. Pickens made the presentation speech in the following words:

"Dr. Strouse; by the favoritism of the citizens of Hendersonville it is made my pleasant duty to give you a surprise—I know it to be a surprise, because of the high assurance I have that, however, much you may know about many things, you are profoundly ignorant of this incident of the Chautauquas of 1907.

"Now, sir, by request of many citizens of Hendersonville I have the pleasure of presenting you this beautiful cup as a token of personal regard, esteem and confidence, and expressive of the high appreciation of your services in our mountain city.

"And this testimonial is accompanied with the highest hopes and best wishes for your success through life; and when your labors have swept you beyond the line that separates time from eternity that you will have a triumphant entrance into the paradise of God with Him and angels to spend the ages of eternity."

Dr. Strouse replied briefly and fittingly, stating he had received many valuable gifts from his different Chautauqua Assemblies, but from none one that he valued so highly as this little cup. "God knows what anguish I have suffered during the past two weeks. I am as innocent as any man in the world. I came here a stranger. I have done the best I could. I wanted a great Summer Bible Conference and Chautauqua here, but my plans were never allowed to come to fruition. I will be vindicated in court as I am already vindicated in your town. I thank you from the bottom of my heart, and ask your prayers that my service may not be impaired by these troubles."

The following resolutions were then adopted by a rising vote of the audience:

"Be it resolved by the people of Hendersonville, in Chautauqua meeting assembled:

"That, Whereas, Dr. Clarence B. Strouse pursuant to his contract and announcements has given to the people of Hendersonville a Chautauqua program unsurpassed in excellence and variety, and highly pleasing and satisfactory to the people and visitors of the town, and which they have well patronized, and, Whereas, We, the people and visitors who have attended the 1907 session of the Chautauqua have the utmost confidence in the high Christian character and integrity of Dr. Strouse, and desire to express the same,

"Therefore, We do most cordially extend to Dr. Strouse our thanks and appreciation for the great entertainment we have enjoyed, and we eagerly look forward to the coming session of the Chautauqua to be held by him in Hendersonville where he may always expect a hearty welcome."

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by the audience.

### From Far Off California

121 N. Broadway,  
Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 22.

Editor Hustler.

Dear Sir:—Although the writer has been away from your county and city for more than 20 years, I still take an interest in my native county—Henderson—and the state of North Carolina. read the Hustler with much interest, and thereby try to keep in touch with your city and county. After having traveled over every state and territory in this country and having spent some time in Hawaii, Mexico, and in the city of Mexico, and Cuba, will state that I do not know of a better place for a summer resort than Hendersonville, North Carolina, and there is no reason why it should not be made a popular winter resort for people from the northern states.

The proposed lake would be a great thing for your city and county and would be the means of bringing hundreds of people to your city who now go to the other places. Your enterprising people, and you seem to have many, should work untiringly until they get the lake.

Another thing of importance is good roads. This will be of great assistance not only to your farmers but will do much to draw the pleasure seeker. Permanent improvements in road building should be the watchword. I hope you will not consider the writer "butting in" in mentioning these matters, but I wish to show the many advantages of your city and county over other eastern and southern resorts, and other places I have visited.

I do not know of a city in any part of the east that has better hotel accommodations than Hendersonville, population considered.

With your beautiful streams; your timbered hills and mountains; your many scenic drives; your pure mountain water; your ideal summer climate, you have much to offer the tourist or pleasure seeker.

Another statement I wish to make is: Residents of your city and county who have not traveled throughout the United States, etc., do not realize what they have at home—right in Henderson county. I have visited well known resorts of the east having hotels worth hundreds of thousands of dollars—and that is about all. There was not a tree in sight; no hills or mountains, and no streams. Yet such places are called resorts and they actually attract hundreds of visitors annually.

There is another matter I wish to speak of, although it is on another subject. It is your water power. The water falls in your county, and in fact throughout Western North Carolina, are today not valued at one tenth what they will bring ten years from now. Wait and see. You have sufficient power there in Henderson county alone to operate a half dozen large street car systems and many factories. Water power power or falls in your part of the state that could be purchased today for a few thousand dollars will be worth hundreds of thousands in a few years.

My home town of Fullerton, Cal., is lighted all night by electricity generated by water power in the mountains 100 miles away from Fullerton. Most of the cities of Southern California and the principal street car systems are operated by electricity generated in the mountains and hills by water power. In my home city my presses and printing machinery are operated by this system and we have "juice" 24 hours a day. I venture the assertion that there are water falls in this state that could not be purchased for one million dollars.

My advice would be: Hold on to the water falls of Henderson county and Western North Carolina.

Your people should be careful not to destroy too much timber on your hills

and mountain tops. In many northern and western states the lumbering industry is doing much to destroy the beautiful scenery; trees are being "slaughtered," unsalable, crooked trees are left standing, giving the hills a desolate appearance.

I mention these matters to call the attention of your residents to a few things that will do much to attract the eye of an outsider.

I left Henderson county during my boyhood days and feel that I am a Californian, having resided here so long. We have the richest soil and the best all the year round climate on earth; many of our orange growers are today realizing over \$1,500 an acre for their orange crops, and even many small communities ship \$500,000 worth of walnuts annually; this is also a great farming state and we have many beautiful summer and winter resorts and I might write page after page about this grand and glorious state, but I know it would not interest your readers.

The reason I mention the many attractions Henderson county offers pleasure seekers is because I do not believe your people realize what you really have, as before stated. I have visited your county and city many times during the past 20 years and hope to visit you next month. My reason for writing this letter is to show you that you have many attractions that cannot be found in any other Eastern State and they are noticed by the outsider who visits you occasionally as does the writer.

In addition to your many natural attractions you have an industrious, law abiding, moral, refined, educated people. You should build up a great summer and winter resort that would attract all the east.

Your people are sociable and seem to get much real enjoyment out of life they visit one another and are neighborly. Two years ago I called at the home of a big business man in a northern state on a business mission. He had been living in a fine house with his family for twelve years. A family lived 75 feet north and another resided within 100 feet of his home. He was on good terms with both families, but they lived alongside of one another all these years without ever exchanging a call. The first visit between the heads of the families was brought about by a death in one of the homes. What do you think of that?

Again: Your good people seem to have something to live for in addition to grasping the almighty dollar. Last year I crossed the ocean with a young man of 28 who was a nervous wreck. He had never dissipated in his life but he succeeded his father in a large steel corporation of the east and worked himself to death, notwithstanding that he was worth millions, but he was anxious to add to his millions and remained at his desk too long. There is something more in life than the dollar, and the people of your state seem to realize it.

Before closing I wish to state that in all my travels I have found very little matter advertising Hendersonville or Western North Carolina. Your board of trade, city trustees or county commissioners should arrange with the railroads to keep advertising matter at the leading resorts and in the principal cities throughout the United States. The Southern Railway is doing much to advertise North Carolina, but after one gets off of that line and its connections it is hard work to get hold of a pamphlet advertising Western North Carolina.

Keep the prices of real estate down, especially in sections where improvements are to be made. This will do much to build up your city and county.

Yours truly,  
EDGAR JOHNSON.

### STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE  
**Bank of Hendersonville.**  
Hendersonville, N. C.  
AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS Aug. 23, 1907.

| RESOURCES:   | LIABILITIES:  |
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| Loans and Discounts.....\$137,289.05                     | Capital stock.....\$30,000.00                           |
| Overdrafts..... 862.54                                   | Surplus fund..... 3,630.00                              |
| Banking House Furniture and Fixtures..... 3,000.00       | Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid 3,724.28 |
| Due from banks & bankers 35,877.81                       | Time certificates of deposit 35,473.40                  |
| Cash items..... 573.25                                   | Deposits subject to check 111,494.04                    |
| Gold coin..... 1,210.00                                  | Due to Banks and Bankers..... 5,851.25                  |
| Silver coin, including all minor coin currency 1,344.31  | Cashier's checks outstanding..... 1,978.72              |
| National bank notes and other U. S. notes..... 12,008.00 | Certified Checks..... 13.27                             |
| <b>Total.....\$192,164.96</b>                            | <b>Total.....\$192,164.96</b>                           |

State of North Carolina, }  
Henderson County. }

I, J. Mack Rhodes, cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23 day of Sept. 1907.

JOHN EW BANK, Notary Public

Correct Attest:  
J. P. RICKMAN  
A. L. HOLMES  
G. B. VALENTE

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