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A LESSON TO HOME-BUILDERS.

The case of William Mounce, of Danbury, is an example of thrift, economy, and improvement of opportunity and of untutored susceptibility to the beautiful that could be a valuable lesson to every farmer of Stokes county.

Bill, as he is called, purchased for a song a little one-room log hut on the side of a hill near the jail. No shade, hillsides and gulleys in front and behind the house—not a very inviting prospect. But Bill, during his spare hours from hiring at 50 cents a day, improved his premises, until today there is not a more homelike and cosy little place in this country. Bill has built at the foot of the hill, a good stable and barn, which affords shelter for his cow and calf as well as a storing place for the stacks of stuff he produces on his lot, for he has not neglected the useful for the beautiful, but has made his acre highly productive. Last year he saved a stack or two of hay where most people would not have taken the trouble to mow. The prettiest garden in town is Bill's, as, by constant improvements, he has made his land rich, and besides has planted a nice orchard which is flourishing. A corn crib, and other useful accessories have recently been added. The house, which is an humble log structure, is almost hidden by clambering vines, shrubberies, etc., while pretty walks bordered with white rows of rocks wind here and there, and an attractive row of shade trees are fast growing in front of the house along the street which Bill has constructed out of the place where formerly red gulleys ran. A neatly painted martens-box raised high on a pole, invites the feathered songsters as well as gives a touch of domestic comfort.

If everyone could see Bill's place as it was, and then look at it as it is, then follow his example, no country in the world would be more attractive than this. Bill is unlettered and unlearned, but there is a natural gift of the esthetic in his make-up which many of us would do well to imitate. His knowledge is not of books, his view-point not high, his opportunities the smallest. But he has used his talent.

There are hundreds of farms in Stokes county run at a loss by their owners, that would be profitable investments if they were given the same attention, the same assiduous looking after all the details and all the sources of revenue, that this ignorant man gives to his little home, while the places would be regular paradises if their owners would use their knowledge and gifts in the beautifying of their premises, as our friend Bill



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has done. As many pretty flowers, plants, shrubberies, vines, foliage and trees as there are adapted to this climate; as easy as it is to arrange attractive yards with comfortable seats and pleasant retreats, and things, to give satisfaction to the eye and comfort and happiness to the surroundings, it is a shame to us that we give so little thought to the improvement of our homes and grounds.

The Reporter would like to see a rivalry break out among our farmers, the citizens of the towns as well as the country, for the prettiest and most attractive and inviting homes. It would not be expensive. It would require more work than money. The result would be a country famed far and near for its scenic beauty, and a pleasure forever to those who spend their lives in our beautiful mountain country.

DIED IN DOCTOR'S OFFICE.

Walter Kiger, Well-Known Character Of Rural Hall, Found Dead.

Rural Hall, May 25.—Walter Kiger, a character well known at Rural Hall, died in the office of Dr. S. S. Flynt some time during last night. He came in on the train from Walnut Cove very sick with something like colic, and during the early part of the night he called at the home of Dr. Flynt and secured some medicine, after which the doctor gave him permission to sleep in his office. Next morning when Dr. Flynt opened the door of his office he found Kiger dead. The citizens made up money to bury him. Deceased was about 40 years of age and unmarried.

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GOOD ADVICE FROM A FRIEND.

A Most Interesting Letter From Prof. W. B. Harris—How They Farm In the Great Wheat Country—The Beauty and the Necessity of Banking for Farmers—The Farmers Should Pull For the Parcels Post.

Garfield, Wash., May 19.
Mr. Editor:

As I'm just through seeding I'll make a few dots for the Reporter. Owing to a heavy snowfall last winter and late rains in the spring, we could not commence the work of spring seeding till about the middle of April.

Washington is called the Web foot State, but in reality this applies only to that portion west of the Cascade mountains, and even there the annual rainfall is not near so great as in North Carolina. But there the winters have more drizzly, damp foggy days than in North Carolina.

Our annual rainfall here in the Palouse country for the last ten years has been a little over twenty-two inches. Some years it has dropped as low as fifteen inches, but this year so far we have had twenty-six inches counting one year to end in August.

So we are reasonably assured a good crop this time. This rainfall seems small to you with your fifty odd inches annually.

Our section takes on a sudden change at this season—starting in spring with thousands of acres of golden stubble. As the plow passes over the stubble it turns black and a little later green, and soon the whole face of the country is one waving mass of grain.

When I started out with my gang plow I thought I was tearing up the earth quite a bit, but when I saw my neighbor's farm plows, followed by a harrow and drill sweep majestically around the hill, seeding their twenty acres per day. I almost became dissatisfied with my one team rooting up four or five acres per day and seeding it later.

From my field I could see at least two hundred and fifty horses at work farming. I like to see big farming even if I can't do it. The farmers contiguous to Garfield last year sold 250,000 bushels grain, and the county produced nearly 12,000,000 bushels. That would bread Stokes quite a while.

I was glad to see the article in your last issue advising farmers to use the bank more freely. It is the safest way to do business. It lessens the temptation to robbery and theft and prevents many disputes over the payment of accounts and debts. Besides the cheapness, safety and convenience to transactions and adds tone to one's business. All farmers here make liberal use of the banks, in fact they are the backbone of the banks here. If one were to make a raid through this section, I doubt if he would find ten dollars at three houses in this section. Theft is so rare here that no one thinks of locking his doors at night or his horses, granary, or smoke houses at all.

Speaking of adding dignity to one's business, reminds me of the boy from Germanton who got together fifteen dollars for a suit of clothes. He went to Winston to make the purchase. First he opened an account at the bank—deposited his fifteen dollars and straightway purchased the suit for that sum paying for the same by check.

Farm labor has been scarce and high this spring. Thirty-five dollars and board seems to be the prevailing price. I expect harvest hands will be \$2.50 to \$3.00 per day and board. A good hand here during harvest can make from seventy five to one hundred and fifty dollars. But a majority of them blow it in as fast they make it. Nine out of ten of the harvesters that come in are the poorest kind of help. Very few know how to work and still fewer care how they work.

I am glad to see that the farmers of Stokes are taking an interest in the Protective Association. I know nothing of the

merits of the association but the name indicates a good thing. We have the Grange instead. Our grange in Garfield numbers over one hundred and fifty members, and we are still taking in four to ten every meeting. It is highly necessary for the farmers to get together and work for their own interests. Let the Grange and the Association make a united effort to have an out and out Parcels Post measure enacted by our next Congress. If every farmer will write to his Congressman and Senator demanding it we'll get it.

What would you think of a man who would employ a man or set of men to conduct a large business for him—a business involving thousands of dollars, yet who never told those employees what he wanted or how he wanted the business conducted? You would say at once, "why he's lazy." But that is exactly what we are doing. Our law makers are our servants, and we should instruct them as to our wants and desires and see that we have them. But I'll venture the statement that not half a dozen of those who read this ever wrote to his Congressman making known his wants. So many people say, "it's no use, they would pay no attention to it." If every farmer would write there would go in such a flood of letters that would wake up that official and he would say, "the people want this and are demanding it and I want to be re-elected therefore I want it and am highly in favor of it." Then the Parcels Post will come.

There are fifty million farmers in the United States, and I dare say every one of them would be glad to have a Parcels Post. Why then has the measure not been passed? Simply because we are not united and have not demanded it. The express companies and merchants are organized and are opposed to the measure. So in this measure the majority does not rule. Wannemaker said that there were five great hindrances to passing a Parcels Post and that they are the five express companies.

Farmers, stick to your Association, and when Congress convenes again let each and every one of us write to our Congressman and Senators demanding a Parcels Post.

I congratulate you on your new telephone line. The more you build the more you will build. Since writing you on that subject the single line on a road near me has been changed into four lines so great was the volume of business. These lines are not competitive lines but are owned by farmers and operated for their own benefit and pleasure. It is quite a satisfaction to sit in your room and know what is going on all over the country. With R. F. D. and phones for news and Parcels Post to bring our packages from any market in the world, we farmers would be quite snug.
W. B. HARRIS.

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STOKES VETERANS CALLED TO MEET.

Mr. Jas. A. Leak Thinks August 3rd Would Be a Good Time—He Hopes To Secure Some Speakers and a Band For the Occasion.

Peters' Creek, May 25, 1907.

Editor Danbury Reporter:

It is getting about time that we should begin talking about another re-union of the old Confederate Veterans of Stokes. While I don't want to impose on the good people of Stokes when they have so nobly responded to my call on them in the past and made such preparation for the comfort and pleasure of the old soldiers, and while I feel somewhat reluctant to call on them again, still I am well assured of the fact that we will not be here much longer to call on you. Therefore I hope that the good people will again do as well in the future as they have in the past. So I think, if it is entirely satisfactory to the people of Stokes, I will suggest that we meet in Danbury on Saturday, August 3rd. That will be a leisure time with the people.

I hope to be able to procure some good speakers for the occasion, and also hope the people will aid me in getting a good band to furnish music. I hope to be able to be with you and that we will have a good time.

Yours very truly,

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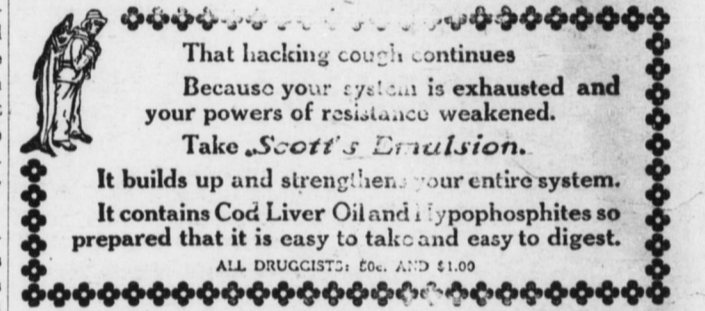
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