

PURELY PERSONAL

M. S. Jones made a business trip to Des Moines Monday. Mrs. L. A. Blackman, of Blockley, visited in this city Thursday. Bryant Sears went to Ottumwa on a business trip last Thursday. R. W. Braden made a short business trip to Keokuk Thursday. Prof. J. W. Howell of Davis City, J. H. Newman was a business visitor at Lamoni Tuesday evening. Jesse Albee went to Des Moines Friday on a short business trip. F. W. Fogt, of Davis City, was a business visitor in this city Friday. Miss Peach Bailey, of Davis City, was a visitor in this city Tuesday. Arthur Marshall, of Davis City, was a visitor in this city Tuesday. Mrs. E. E. Prall, of Lamoni, was a visitor in this city last Saturday. W. Branaum, of Pleasanton, was a business visitor in this city Monday. I. P. Stanford, of Blockley, was a business visitor in this city Tuesday. J. G. Flora, of Davis City, was a business visitor in this city Tuesday. M. C. Crogan, of near Leon, was a business visitor at Pleasanton Tuesday. Charles Teller, of Davis City, was a business visitor in this city Monday. Glen Walker was a business visitor at Davis City and Decatur City Monday. Mrs. Clara Albaugh, of Oskaaloosa, was visiting in this city last Thursday. Andrew Sell, of Van Wert, was a business visitor in this city last Friday. Zell Robinson went to Centerville last Thursday on a short business trip. E. V. Martin, of Garden Grove, was a business visitor in this city last Friday. Mrs. S. H. Campbell, of Decatur, was a business visitor in this city last Friday. Pearl Craig departed last Saturday on a business trip to Galesburg, Illinois. Col. L. V. Tullis, of Decatur City, was a business visitor in this city Monday. J. C. Cozad, the Decatur City banker, was a business visitor in this city Monday. O. G. Hutchinson, of Pleasanton, was a business visitor in this city Tuesday. G. W. Ebrecht, of near Pleasanton, was a business visitor in this city Tuesday. Harry Fisher, of Van Wert, was a business visitor in this city last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. A. Hazen, of Humeston, were visiting in this city last Thursday. Misses Ida and Ressie Creal, of Decatur, were visiting in this city last Thursday. Mrs. Wm. Lamb went to Garden Grove Monday to visit a few days with friends. Miss Nina Still went to Garden Grove Saturday for a few days visit with friends. Mrs. Wm. Biggs went to Pleasanton Saturday and visited a few days with friends. Miss Esther Keown, of Lamoni, came Tuesday to take the teachers' examination. Dr. J. P. Maxwell, the Pleasanton banker, was a business visitor in this city Tuesday. Mrs. Nate Crago went to Garden Grove last Thursday for a short visit with relatives. Mrs. J. Schukey went to Chariton Thursday for a short visit with relatives and friends. Miss Sarah McKern went to Osceola Friday for a short visit with relatives and friends. Miss Mary Vandenburg went to Leroy Saturday and visited over Sunday with her sister. Mrs. Ethel Pickering, Mrs. Etta Spence and Miss Ida Bright visited in Weldon last Tuesday. Miss Zora Glazebrook, of Grand River, came Tuesday evening to take the teachers' examination. Mrs. J. L. Gardner went to Van Wert Monday to visit a few days with relatives and friends. Mrs. J. W. Honnold went to Davis City last Friday to visit with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Robinson. Miss Leslie Pullen, of Pleasanton, came Monday to visit a few days with her sister in this city. Clint Gray went to New Hampton, Mo., Friday to attend the reunion being held there this week. Mrs. James Phipps and daughter, Miss Ruby, of Garden Grove, were visitors in this city Monday. Rev. D. E. Boatright went to Davis City Monday to conduct some Apostolic meetings at that place. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mansfield and babies went to Garden Grove Tuesday for a short visit with friends. Mrs. J. L. Phipps and daughter, Miss Ruby, of Garden Grove, were visiting in this city last Thursday. Miss Lucille Alexander was a passenger for Davis City Tuesday, where she has a large music class. Miss Margaret Perkins, of Morgan township, came Tuesday to visit a few days with friends in this city. Mrs. E. G. Hendrickson and granddaughter, Miss Edith Eiker, returned from near Delray last Thursday. Mrs. May Davis, of Osceola, passed through Leon last Friday on her way to Oklahoma to visit relatives. Mrs. Laura Ader and Miss Irene McWilliams went to Davis City last Friday for a short visit with friends. Mrs. J. G. Hurst returned from Des Moines last Thursday, having been visiting at the home of relatives. Mrs. V. F. Penniwell and little daughter, Gwendolyn, went to Des Moines Thursday for a few days visit. Frank Cox, of near Davis City, was a business visitor in Leon Monday, returning home on the evening train. Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Robinson autoed to Des Moines last Thursday and spent a couple of days with friends. Mrs. Charles A. Biddison went to Cainesville, Mo., Tuesday to visit a few days with relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shelton, of Osceola, are visiting relatives in this vicinity, being called here by the serious illness of Mr. Shelton's mother, Mrs. C. M. Akes, Jr., of near Leon.

Mrs. Ben Scadden and baby who had been visiting with relatives at Garden Grove, returned home Saturday. Mrs. G. W. Roberts went to Des Moines Saturday to visit a few days with relatives and friends in that city. Mrs. W. A. Boone returned Friday evening from a business trip to Osceola and other points north of here. Louie Jenkins went to Garden Grove last Friday for a short visit at the home of his uncle, F. L. Jenkins. Mrs. Etta Spence, who has been spending her vacation at her home here, left for Chicago Wednesday night. Miss Frances Kentner returned Monday from a few days visit with relatives and friends at Garden Grove. Miss Nettie Hutchinson returned from Cambria Thursday after visiting a few days with relatives and friends. Miss Nora Johnston, of Grand River, came Tuesday evening for a few days visit in this city with friends. Mr. and Mrs. Asbury Johnson and children went to Garden Grove Saturday and visited a few days with friends. Mrs. G. F. Acton returned to her home at Davis City Saturday after visiting a few days with relatives in this city. Mrs. Walter Lovett, of Davis City, was in Leon Tuesday, enroute to Saline, Mo., for a few days visit with relatives. Miss Ruby Gardner returned Tuesday evening from Decatur, where she had been visiting with friends for a few days. E. B. Faust, assistant cashier, of the Decatur State Savings Bank, was a business visitor in this city last Thursday. Miss Dollie Gore, who had been visiting with Leon relatives, returned to her home at Davis City last Thursday. Mrs. H. Hazen, of Mt. Pleasant, who had been visiting with relatives in Humeston, was visiting in this city Thursday. Mrs. Laura Ader, of Pleasanton, was in Leon Monday, enroute home from a few days visit with friends at Davis City. Mrs. May Woodard, of Cainesville, Mo., passed through this city last Thursday enroute to Bethany, for a short visit. Miss Eunice Long returned from Des Moines last Thursday evening, where she had been attending summer school. John Gray went to Akron, Mo., Friday to look after his farming interests there and will help during the harvest. Mrs. Gladys Dunn returned from Humeston Saturday where she had been visiting at the home of Peter Watsabaugh. Dr. Enos Mitchell, of Cainesville, Mo., was visiting in this city Thursday while on his way to Weldon for a short visit. County superintendent Miss Mabel Horner went to Bloomington township Monday to look after some school matters. Mrs. Sam Adair and children went to Davis City Saturday for a short visit with Mr. Adair, who is working near Davis City. P. C. Porter, of Des Moines, came Monday evening for a few days visit at the home of his uncle, W. H. Bobbitt, in this city. Ex-sheep Henry Terrell, of Mt. Airy, who is now traveling for an implement firm, was a business visitor in this city Monday. Miles Pryor returned to his home at Kansas City, Mo., Saturday, after a visit at the home of his uncle, John A. Fulton, in this city. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bevington, of Centerville, arrived Monday for a few days visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Richardson. Mrs. Cyrus Weaver, who had been visiting here with her children and other relatives, returned to her home at Des Moines Monday. Miss Ethel Royer, who had been visiting relatives and friends in this city, returned to her home at Ead, Oklahoma, last Friday. Mrs. C. W. Robinson, of Davis City, returned to her home last Friday after spending a few days in this city visiting friends. Wm. Lamb, who is working near Pleasanton, returned to that place Monday, having visited over Sunday at his home in this city. Mrs. M. L. King and daughter, Miss Alma, of Peoria, Illinois, are visiting in Leon with Mrs. King's aunt, Mrs. Mary Holden. Mrs. Anna Woods and children, of Diagonal, came Tuesday evening to visit a few days at the home of J. H. Newman in this city. Dr. John Stanton and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Vail, of Chariton, were visitors in this city last Friday, driving down in an auto. Miss Bessie Upheld returned to her home at Delray Monday, after visiting a few days at the home of D. F. Long in Center township. Mrs. Levi Virden returned to her home at Kellerton last Thursday after visiting a few days in this city with relatives and friends. Miss Alice Jones, of Decatur City, was visiting in this city Monday, being enroute to Garden Grove to visit a few days with relatives. Miss Helen McClaran, of a few Davis City, came Tuesday for a few days visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Osborn in this city. W. C. Vernon and mother, Mrs. L. M. Vernon, of Cainesville, Mo., were in Leon last Thursday enroute to Ridgeway, Mo., for a visit. Grant and Jid Wasson, of Lincolnville, drove up last Thursday. Henry Bright returning with them and will spend a week at the springs. Mrs. Raymond Little, of Chicago, who has been visiting relatives in this city, went to Murray Thursday to visit relatives and friends. Mrs. Margaret Wright and little daughter Helen returned Tuesday evening from Des Moines where they were visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mollie McPherrin. Mrs. Anna Curry and daughters, Misses Eva and Neva, returned Monday evening from Des Moines, where Misses Eva and Neva have been attending Summer School at Drake University.

Mrs. Hugh Teale returned to her home at Kellerton Friday after a few days visit with her parents in this city. Miss Ethel Hewlett, of Grand River, who had been visiting at the home of her grandfather, Jacob Ross, returned to her home Thursday. Miss Vera Kerrins returned to her home at Pleasanton Saturday after visiting a few days in this city with her friend, Miss Edna Biggs. Mrs. Roy Stout and daughter, Margaret Louise, went to Des Moines Tuesday to visit a few days at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lloyd Jenks. Mrs. Laura Huff, who had been visiting at the home of her son, E. O. Fisher, in this city, returned to her home at Cainesville, Mo., Tuesday. Miss June Cummins, of Davenport, who had been visiting relatives and friends in and near this city, went to Lamoni Thursday for a few days visit. Mrs. Isabelle House returned Tuesday from Garden Grove, where she had been visiting a few days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clay Fryor. Mrs. Ellen Redfield, of Quincy, Illinois, arrived last Friday to visit a few days at the home of her cousin, Harve Morgan and wife, southwest of Leon. Miss Estella Landis, who had been visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. G. Harris, in this city, returned to her home at Grand River Monday. Miss Sada Johnson was a passenger for Humeston Saturday afternoon where she visited a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Bishop. G. W. Franklin, of Davis City, was a visitor in Leon Monday. Mr. Franklin went to Humeston yesterday to take charge of his new hotel at that place. Mrs. Mary Farquhar returned last Thursday from Olathe, Kansas, where she had been visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Benjamin Reader, for several weeks. Mrs. Nellie Burrell and children of Davis City, came Saturday to visit a few days at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Harriett Fulton, of south of Leon. Mr. M. Maroney, wife and daughters, Susie and Isabel, returned to their home at Akron, Mo., Tuesday evening after visiting a couple of days in this city. Mrs. Claude Gaines and baby, of Decatur, returned to their home last Friday after a short visit in this city at the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Charles Gray. Uncle John Moon departed Tuesday evening for Lamoni where he will make his future home, having rented his residence property in this city to J. J. Evans. Willard Cherrington, of Daykin, Neb., who is visiting at the home of his parents at Decatur City, was visiting his brother, Chas. Cherrington, in this city Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Gates, Mrs. J. E. Bay, and S. W. Gates of Clifton, Oklahoma, who is visiting here, went to Davis City Friday to visit with relatives and friends. Mrs. Arthur Doolittle and baby returned to their home at Davis City Monday evening after a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sell in this city. Misses Margaret and Madge Redman returned to their home near Delray Thursday after a few days visit with their grandmother, Mrs. Anthony Cox, in this city. Bert Gardner, the well known cigar maker, returned to Albia Monday, after spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. John Akes and numerous friends in this city. Mrs. E. M. Brady and son Warren, went to Independence, Mo., last Thursday, and from there they will go for a visit in southern Illinois with relatives and friends. Mrs. Vern Hicks and little daughter, Maxine, of Osceola, stopped off in Leon last Friday for a short visit with friends while enroute to Clinton, Oklahoma, to visit relatives. Miss Ruth Long returned to her home at Shenandoah, Iowa, Monday, having been visiting here at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and other relatives. P. N. Mitchell, who has been at Ames for several weeks, taking a special course in manual training, passed through this city Monday, returning to his home at Pleasanton. Miss Jessie Artt, of Delta, Colorado, who had been visiting with relatives and friends at Decatur, came to Leon Tuesday to visit her friends, Miss Helen Deck, for a few days. S. A. Gates returned Tuesday evening from Clearfield where he closed the purchase of a tract of land and the Gates Realty Co. will put on a big lot sale at that place in the near future. Mrs. Mary Holden, accompanied by her niece, Mrs. King and daughter, of Peoria, Illinois, who are visiting here, went to Davis City Saturday and visited a few days with friends. T. E. Wallace and Harry Jenkins, who are building a new brick business block at Pleasanton, returned to that town Monday, having visited over Sunday with their families in this city. Mrs. J. A. Milligan, of Davis City, who was called to this city to attend the funeral of Margaret Scott, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott, returned to her home last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McKinley, of Rialto, California, who had been visiting with relatives at Humeston, came Tuesday to visit at the home of Mrs. McKinley's daughter, Mrs. J. W. Robinson. Miss Bess Rowell, of Afton, came Saturday for a visit at the home of her brother, Dr. J. W. Rowell, in this city. On account of there being no trains over the Des Moines branch that day, F. S. Stewart and wife and Dr. Rowell and wife drove to Osceola in the Stewart auto and brought her to Leon. Mrs. Bud Johnson returned Tuesday from Garden Grove, where she was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hine. Her sister, Mrs. Lottie McCollough, of Medicine Lodge, Kansas, who had also been visiting at Garden Grove, accompanied her to Leon for a few days visit.

Perry Osborn, of Davis City, accompanied by his sister, Miss Iva, came Saturday and visited over Sunday with relatives and friends in this city. Mrs. Jesse Franklin and brother, James McHarness, went to Des Moines Saturday morning to visit a few days with their brother and sister in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Lou Honnold, of Eldora, Iowa, came in Sunday and visited until Monday with relatives in this city. Mr. Honnold is employed in a tailor shop at Eldora. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hubbell and their bouncing new baby boy, of Waterloo, arrived Tuesday noon for a visit at the home of Mrs. Hubbell's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Robinson, in this city. Misses Margaret McKliven and Helen VanWerden returned from Grand River and DeKalb last Thursday after visiting at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. B. D. DeKalb for a few days. Mrs. Sophia Ainsworth, who had been visiting with relatives at Garden Grove, spent a few hours at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Stark in this city Monday while enroute to her home at Norwalk. Mrs. S. G. Morris, of Chariton, came Saturday to visit a few days at the home of Ray Correll in this city, Mr. Correll being employed with Geo. M. King, who is putting in the big sewer system in this city. Harold Scott returned to his home at St. Joe, Mo., last Friday, after spending several weeks in this city with his uncle, P. B. Walker. Miss Mildred Walker accompanied him to St. Joe for a short visit. Misses Winnie Shira and Mary Hazlet, of Eden township, departed Monday for a visit of several weeks with relatives and friends at Herington and Wichita, Kansas, and at Manchester and El Reno, Oklahoma. John Funk and two children, Albert and Alma, of Shenandoah, and his grandson, Bernard Barr, of Van Wert, came Sunday for a visit at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Geo. W. Sears and other relatives in this city. Mr. S. L. Hurst, of Kansas City, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Nelson King and little daughter Margaret, of Corydon, arrived Tuesday evening for a few days visit at the home of his cousin, Mr. Jas. V. Hurst. Mrs. J. W. Peterson returned to her home at Independence, Mo., Saturday, after a visit at the home of her brother, A. L. Ackerley, in this city. Her mother, Mrs. Samuel Ackley, accompanied her to Independence for a visit. J. C. Strode returned Tuesday afternoon from Leavenworth, Kansas, where he had been on duty for several days on account of the high waters, and resumed his duties as second-trick operator at the Leon depot the same afternoon. Dr. J. O. Woodmansee and family, his mother, Mrs. John Woodmansee and Mrs. Dr. Woodmansee's mother, Mrs. Mary Clark, of Kirksville, Mo., who is visiting here, autoed to Des Moines Saturday and visited over Sunday with friends. Rev. J. H. Burrows, of Cainesville, Mo., passed through this city Monday, returning home from Centerville, where he was called to attend the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. Joseph Goss, one of the oldest citizens and pioneers of Centerville. Mrs. V. F. Penniwell and daughter Gwendolyn returned Tuesday evening from Des Moines, where they were visiting at the home of her brother, J. V. Arney. Her nephew, Harold Arney, accompanied them to Leon for a visit of several days. Harold L. Smith, who has been attending Summer School at Ames, came Monday for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Caroline V. Smith. He was accompanied to Leon by his friend, Wayne Bogart, of Glenwood, who is also a student at Ames. Miss Kate Hull, who was a member of Wesleyan college faculty at Mt. Pleasant the past year, and also taught in the Summer School following the close of the college year, arrived in Leon Sunday for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Charles Hull. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Atz and children, of Osceola, passed through this city last Friday on their way home from a few days visit with her sister, Mrs. E. E. French, at St. Joe, Mo. They were accompanied home by her sister, Miss Eula Wright, of St. Joe. Miss Virginia West, who has been in Chicago taking a course as a trained nurse, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. West. Miss Virginia was recently operated upon for appendicitis and will rest up at home before returning to her studies. Dr. J. B. Horner, of Lamoni, passed through this city Tuesday evening returning from a seven weeks trip to the Pacific coast, where he attended the expositions and visited all the places of interest, having had as he expressed it, the finest trip of his life. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Poush and children returned Tuesday from a month's visit with his parents at Humansville, Mo. They drove there in their auto but had to return on the train on account of the muddy roads, leaving their auto there for the present. Mrs. James Reynolds, of Garden Grove, was a visitor in this city last Saturday. She had started for a visit at Ellston, but owing to the fact that a wreck on the Des Moines branch caused all trains to be annulled Saturday, she had to return to Garden Grove that afternoon. Miss Gretchen Myers, who is a member of the Pastime Party, one of the musical attractions which appeared at the Redpath Chautauqua at Garden Grove last Sunday, came down to Leon Sunday evening and visited until the following day with friends in this city. She was accompanied by Miss Sammie Cobb, another member of the Pastime Party. Harry Smith, who has been visiting at the home of his father-in-law, J. A. Harris in this city for several weeks, departed Monday morning for his home at Lakeland, Florida, to resume his duties as traveling salesman for a wholesale shoe house. Mrs. Smith accompanied him as far as Osceola, returning on the noon train, and will remain here for a more extended visit.

WHERE IOWA LEADS AGAIN.

Making Good, Strong, Healthy Men and Women Out of Crippled and Deformed Children.

Iowa does not lead in material things alone. She is first not merely in the products of the soil and in banking and in general prosperity, but she leads also in the best ways of spending some of her surplus. Then there is the pension for the blind. In some counties of the state, a number of applications are noted. And then there is the Perkins law, to aid crippled children free of cost, where the families are unable to foot the bills. A correspondent at the state capital has the following about this beneficial law: "Iowa is leading the world in the humanitarian movement to save the crippled and deformed. The new Perkins law directs that every child under 16 who suffers from deformities or malady that may be cured and whose parents are not able to provide the necessary medical and surgical attention, will be guests of the state at the state university hospital, Iowa City, under the care of specialists, the state paying transportation, medical attention and nursing bills. There is no time limit on the treatment. Parents of such children make application for treatment to the district court. The court names a physician to make examination and on this report orders the child to Iowa City. It is expected thousands of deformed poor children will be made strong under the provisions of this law."

Soil Washing.

"Erosion" the scientists call it; but we prefer the farm term, "soil washing." How much is there of it? The government engineers tell us that the Mississippi alone, to say nothing about the other rivers of the east and west carry out to the sea every year twice as much soil as was removed in order to cut through the mountains and make a highway for commerce from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Every year, mind you, and twice as much. We can't imagine it. It is unthinkable; twice as much soil from the Mississippi Valley as was removed in cutting through the Panama Canal!

And what part of the soil is that which is carried away? The tailings of the great earth mill? The stones, gravel, sand? Not a bit of it; but the fine flour of this mill, the very best of it, the finished work of nature, so fine in its texture that it will float and be carried away by the slightest current, making the Mississippi with all its branches run red or yellow. It is soil-soup that is carried away, not bones or coarse material, but the finest.

Where it come from? From the cut-over forests in all this great valley. For when the trees are removed, the roots which held the soil together begin to decay, great slides occur on the mountain sides, great gullies are formed, and the finest of the soil—the result of the attrition of ages, the frosts and rain and wind—is carried on to make this soil-soup, on which plants should feed. It comes from the prairies, too, from your farm and mine. When you open up your farm, you muddy at times, but a load or two of hay put in the slough would enable you to haul quite a load across it. You don't need to do that now, for instead there is a gully two, four, eight, ten, possibly twenty feet deep, over which you must build a bridge. Where has it gone? To make soil-soup, not to feed plants, but to fill the Mississippi river, and extend it out and out into the Gulf of Mexico.

Look closer, and you will find that the slough is not the only part of your farm that has given up its best. When your farm was first cleared from the prairie, there was but little waste or washing. Rains came; the water sank down and came out in the spring at the head of sloughs. Some way the land seemed to hold water. Coming from an older country, you said: "This land stands more dry weather and more wet weather than any land I've ever had; and that was true. If you have boulders on your farm, you will find them coming up from year to year. Now they don't come at all, but your top soil has been washed away or blown away, imperceptibly but none the less truly.

Were it not that nature is making a soil below by her slow processes, your farm would be worthless before a great many years. But as the upper soil is washed away, the frost goes deeper and the carbon dioxide brought in by the rains pulverizes the rock, and this soil formation is constantly going on. Now, when rains come on your well tilled fields, as they did last fall, you find great gullies, and rivulets running into the sloughs, and soil washed into the rivulets. You are contributing the best of your land to this soil-soup that is going down to the gulf.

What about it? How can you help it? Nature helped it before you were born, before man had a place on the earth. She helped it by keeping the soil constantly stored with vegetable matter. She covered the prairie with grass and the forest floor with leaves. When the rains came they sank in, the soil soaked up the moisture and held it. There was comparatively little run-off then, and what there was was slow and gradual. The streams ran clear, for they were deep; but now the streams through the farming country run muddy and the silt is filling them up. It has in fact filled up that great arm of the sea, which once extended from New Orleans to Cairo, where we now have the Mississippi river. It is still filling up and we have to dyke it. Every now and then it breaks through and carries its soil-soup over thousands of acres of farm land.

The only way you can prevent this washing is by doing what you ought to do anyhow; keep your soil full of vegetable matter, grass roots; get back to the conditions when the soil was virgin earth; have a potato; keep much of your land in grass; deepen your soil by growing clover and alfalfa. It is quite possible under good farming to have your soil grow deeper and deeper from year to year, instead of growing thinner through having the fine flour washed out of it.

We are frequently asked by farmers: How can I stop a gully? First, do some good farming. Follow nature's process; then get nature to help you. If you have an unsightly slough running through your field, a good way is to put in a couple of posts in firm soil at the lower end; stretch some woven wire across the slough and fasten it to the posts, giving it a chance to sag slightly. Then put in brush, weeds, spoiled hay, corn stalks, anything that will catch the soil coming down from above. If you have a piece of unbroken slough, don't plow up the grass that nature put there to prevent the soil from washing, until you have tile drained it, so as to carry the surplus away underground. In short, study nature; take a leaf out of her book. Man wastes the soil; nature saves it. Man wastes the soil; nature a builder. Her processes are slow, but they all tend toward soil betterment and human betterment. Man is the great destroyer, he is a ruthless robber, selfish and greedy and wants everything that he can get for himself.—Wallace's Farmer.

Another on the Ford.

A man who lived in Kansas had a tin roof on his house. One night the wind blew and tore the roof off the house and clear out of the yard. The man was at a loss how to use the tin until a neighbor advised: "Ship it to the Ford factory and they'll give you something for it. They use tin in making cars." The man sent the roll of tin by freight. A few weeks later he got a message from the agent to call at the freight depot and get the new machine that had come. There was no freight or any other bill, but a week later the man received a letter something like this: "Dear sir, we received your damaged car, have repaired it and sent it back to you, but please tell us, what in thunder did you run into?"

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