

Henry Rix, of Fonda, Iowa, who has been in this vicinity for the past two weeks, was a pleasant caller at this office last Friday. Mr. Rix is a very interesting talker, and in his conversation with us he spoke of the different methods of farming employed here and in Iowa, and stated that the sooner the farmers here followed the example of the farmers in Iowa and other older states the greater would be the results of their labor. Diversified farming is the thing, according to Mr. Rix. He said it was shameful the way the farmers here wasted their straw stacks. In his state they flatten out the stacks and spread lime over the top and with the first rain this lime is washed into the stack, causing the straw to rot, and then it is hauled over the fields. The system of taking everything off and putting nothing back did not work well in Iowa and will not work here. The man who makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before is a public benefactor," and Mr. Rix is one of those farmers who is a firm believer in that old maxim and puts it into actual practice. He is getting pretty well along in years, being near 70, but is carrying his age in a most deceiving manner.