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OLD NORTH STATE NEWS.

Interesting Items of News Briefly Set Forth For Busy Readers.

Senator Overman has passed his bill providing \$25,000 for the Greene monument at Guilford battleground.

There are indications that the contest for the democratic nomination for congress in the fifth district may be enlivened by the entrance of another candidate—Major Charles M. Stedman. It is said he has the matter under consideration.

The local prison at Mooresville was burned Friday morning and Sam Barnhardt, colored, who was confined therein, perished in the fire. The story is that the man attempted to burn his way to liberty. The building was old and dry and highly inflammable once the fire started.

Mr. L. C. Caldwell, of Statesville, tells the Concord Times he will go to the democratic congressional convention in the 8th district with Iredell and Cabarrus solid for him. He says he can reduce Cowles' majority in Wilkes several hundred and can bring Cabarrus, Stanley and "little Aleck" back into the democratic column. He is sure of the nomination.

The State Board of Health is getting out a 45 page bulletin that is designated as "The Preacher's Bulletin for Sanitary Sunday, April 24, 1910." Dr. Rankin, secretary of the board, estimates that there will be something like 3,000 special sermons on health and sanitation delivered from the North Carolina pulpits in every section of the State April 24. The bulletin suggests as a special text for the day John 10:10: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

The trustees of Davenport College met last week and elected Rev. J. B. Craven president of the college to succeed Dr. C. C. Weaver, whose resignation takes effect at the close of this session. Mr. Craven is thirty years of age and is at present a member of the faculty. He is a grandson of the late Dr. Braxton Craven, founder of Trinity College and a son of the late Dr. Jas. Craven. He was educated at Trinity College and at Vanderbilt University, and is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, having given up regular pastoral work in Salisbury to become a member of the Davenport faculty last fall.

R. Z. Linney Dead.
Charlotte, April 15.—Former Congressman Romulus Z. Linney, famous as politician and orator, and the most picturesque statesman North Carolina ever produced, dropped dead this afternoon as he was entering his law office at Taylorsville, N. C. Apoplexy was the cause of death.

Linney was born in Rutherford county in 1841 and was educated in the common schools. He served in the Confederate army and was seriously wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville. He was admitted to the bar in 1868 and served three terms in the state senate. He was elected to the Fifty-fourth Congress as Republican from the 8th district, and re-elected to the Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth Congresses. His last years have been spent in the active practice of his profession at Taylorsville. From his aggressiveness in political debate, coupled with his huge physical proportions, Mr. Linney earned the sobriquet of "Bull of the Brushy Mountains," a small range lying within view of his home. He was high in party councils and attained fame in Congress and on the stump as a fearless orator and one seldom worsted in debate.

MUST WAIT FOR THE LEGISLATURE

Morganton State School for the Deaf and Dumb Must Wait for Appropriation for Equipment.

It happened that in appropriating money for the new building for the State School for the Deaf and Dumb at Morganton, the Legislature made no provision for its equipment and the institution will have to wait until the next Legislature makes its appropriations before it can equip the primary building, which is nearly completed at a cost of \$23,000. The law provides that a State institution shall not incur debt and the old provision allowing it in case of extreme necessity or dire need has been stricken from the statute. Representatives of the executive committee of the school recently appeared before the Council of State to learn if the school could borrow the money, and the matter was referred to the Attorney General for investigation. The committee was to have submitted its proposition in writing, which has not yet been done, but it was stated yesterday by one who has investigated the law that no State institution may incur a debt.

BOOSTWELL'S RECORD.

This from the Punkinville Gazette-News and Courier-Journal: "This paper was attacked last week, and editorially at that, by that measly, contemptible and wishy-washy paper called 'The Juniper River Express and Mail Observer,' because we took a decided stand for, consequently endorsing the candidacy of Abe Loudertalk for Congress. It said we were totally devoid of ability to reason for the good of the Democratic party and that their candidate, Luke Boostwell, had a record to rely upon and to refer to. Course, Abe Loudertalk never has done anything other than go to the Legislature, but that record of Boostwell is a hummer—just ask Luke why he left Parsley County, and of course he won't be slow in telling you he had to clear out for the good of his health.

"It wasn't very healthy for him to remain, we assure our contemporary, for today he owes board, washing and laundry bills to start with—his wife faints every time she hears his name called. Records—well, we'll be darned. There ain't never been any record of that \$500 he was to put out at 6 per cent for the Widder Trustington, except it helped Luke make a record as a drunken sot, a worthless ingrate and a party tuncat. When he had that \$500 he was an advocate of the gold standard. Now he is in for any old standard that will give him an opportunity to graft.

"Don't talk to us, in such rotten tones, of Luke Boostwell's record; why the mail train on the Punkinville Extension can't touch him. And still our contemporary tells us 'To even give the devil his dues.' We wish it were possible—if we could old Satan would mighty soon have a new ferryman for that busy transport across the River Styx and if the devil didn't watch Luke pretty close he'd soon be charging all passengers double fare. Aint that a record!"

D. B. Cooper Pardoned.

A sensation, equalling that which inflamed Tennessee in November 1908, when former United States Senator Edward Ward Carnack was shot and killed on Nashville's streets, was the pardoning by Governor M. R. Patterson yesterday of Col. Duncan B. Cooper, who, with his son, Robin J. Cooper, was convicted of the murder of Carnack.

The issuance of the pardon on the Governor's own initiative, without a formal petition before him, followed quickly the reading of the opinion of the Tennessee Supreme Court affirming the verdict of guilty in the case of Colonel Cooper, under the sentence of twenty years in the penitentiary, and reversing the lower court in the case of Robin Cooper.

April showers bring colds, grippe, rheumatism, and other distressing troubles. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea effectively and quickly rid one of such troubles—prevents them, too. A 50c package makes 105 cups tea. Try it today. J. W. Streetman.

MINERAL RESOURCES OF NORTH CAROLINA

Along the Line of The C. C. & O. Ry.—Lime, Marble and Soapstone in McDowell.

By Joseph Hyde Pratt

[A new railroad is of special value in the way of disclosing geological formation over which it passes, and gives large value to minerals which otherwise could not be marketed. The Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio railway, with headquarters at Johnson City, Tenn., has recently been constructed at an enormous expense from the coal fields of southwest Virginia across the states of Tennessee and North Carolina to Spartanburg, S. C. From its ability to furnish cheap fuel and economic distribution to the mineral resources of Western North Carolina, it promises to be of much value to the states.

The geological department under the direction of the celebrated mineralogist and engineer, Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, has recently been examining the territory contiguous to the road.] Dr. Pratt says in part:

Mica and Kaolin in Rutherford County.
The mica deposits two and one half miles north of Rutherfordton were visited, but it was found that no work had been done here for over two years. Undoubtedly considerable good mica has been obtained here as evidenced by the large amount of scrap around on the dumps; probable from 30 to 50 tons of scrap mica could be obtained from this mine. There was a small deposit of good kaolin in one shaft of this property. The property is owned by Leander Bryan (colored). While the deposit of kaolin was not large, it was of fine quality and the pegmatites of this section are worthy of investigation, as a possible source of supply of kaolin.

Limestone, Marble and Soapstone in McDowell County.

In the vicinity of Marion there are some deposits of clay that are capable of building up a trade in brick. The clay should make brick that would stand shipments to distant points and would be very good quality. The chances are, however, that the demands for the brick would be more east and west than north and south of Marion.

The most promising deposits in McDowell county, are the limestone deposits west from Sevier. These limestone deposits are also encountered one and a half or two miles southwest from Sevier, on the land of the North Carolina Bessemer Company. Here the marble outcrops very prominently and form hills 100 feet or more in height, making good quarry sites for stone for crushing and for building.

While a large amount of this marble is unsuitable for building stone, on account of the frequency of joint planes and partly on account of impurities, there are large outcrops showing few joints and having every evidence that it would make satisfactory building stone and capable of being worked economically. The marble is bluish to perfectly white and very hard.

Two miles southwest from the property of the North Carolina Bessemer company or three to three and a half miles from Sevier, on land belonging to the estate of the late Colonel Yancy, the formation is nearer a limestone than a marble. This material has been burned, and it is said to make a strong lime, but it is hard to burn. These limestone and marble deposits offer four possible forms of development: 1. As a building stone; 2, as a source of lime for building purposes; 3, as a source of lime for agricultural purposes; 4, as crushed rock for concrete work, for ballast, and for macadamizing roads. The stone breaks with sharp edges and it seems to me is very suitable for concrete work. Water-power could probably be developed in the vicinity and power transmitted to the quarry so that crusher, drills, channellers, etc., could be operated by electricity.

Some iron ore has been found in connection with the marble, one

and half miles west of Sevier, but none of the samples that we found were of any value in iron ores. A similar iron ore occurs on the land of the North Carolina Bessemer company and seems to be of a considerable better quality, and a forge was worked here a good many years ago and is said to have produced iron for local demand. Similar ore occurs on the land of C. J. H. Terry, of Woodlawn.

On the south-east side of Marion there is a deposit of soapstone very similar in color and appearance to that quarried at the National Soapstone quarry, in Nelson county, Virginia, where it is sawed and made into tubs. It represents one of the most valuable mineral industries of that state. Some has been quarried on the property of Thompson and Morgan. On the land of J. R. Houch, about one-half mile from a Southern railway station, a small amount has been quarried. It has been used for tombstones in cemeteries at Marion.

Mitchell County—Land of Quartz, Feldspar, Kaolin, Soapstone and Mica.

In this county there are several minerals that offer possibilities for profitable developments. These are quartz, feldspar, kaolin, soapstone and mica.

There are some promising soapstone deposits in this county that may develop soapstone tubs, etc. It seems to me that these soapstone deposits are well worth investigation by those who wish to establish a soapstone industry, say at Johnson City, shipping the crude material to that point, to be manufactured into tubs, foot-warmers, etc. That would be the main outlet for the manufactured product, and it would probably be the only factory producing this material west of the Appalachian mountains. One soapstone deposit, on the property of Mr. Isaac English, near Sprucepine, offers some possibilities along this line. Another near Bonford should be also investigated.

This county is noted for its mica mining, but has thus far done little or nothing in the way of developing a market for the quartz and feldspar which occur so abundantly in the pegmatic dikes in which is found them. The uses of the quartz are quite varied, it being used in the manufacture of a paste which is used as a wood varnisher, and in the manufacture of pottery and tile, on sand paper, in the manufacture of a wood filler, and in glass. A great deal of the quartz found associated with the mica can be obtained in nearly a pure condition and is of a quality that could be used in the manufacture of glass as well as for the other purposes mentioned above. When it is considered that there is sufficient water-power available to develop power for grinding quartz, it seems to me that there is a great possibility for developing trade in this mineral.

Feldspar that is suitable for pottery purposes occur at the Young mine, Dobag, Yancy county; Irby mine, Sprucepine, Mitchell county; Avery's Meadows mine, Plum Tree, Mitchell county; Tollyben mine, Micaville, Yancy county; Flat Rock mine, Flat Rock, Mitchell county. At the Clouland mine near Bakersville, Mitchell county, there are large masses of plagioclase feldspar that could probably be used in pottery work.

Until the last two years very little has been done to determine the extent and value of the kaolin deposits. While these are not so extensive as those in the southern part of the state they furnish a splendid quality of kaolin and all such deposits should be thoroughly investigated.

A manufacturing industry that I believe would pay in North Carolina is a porcelain works for manufacturing electrical insulators, cheap glazed pottery, etc. We have the three raw materials necessary for conducting such a plant and abundance of water-power for operating it, and I believe that if such a scheme was advertised that the railroad could be able to obtain capital to put up such a plant.

The mica deposits, of course, are not of a character to develop large operations, but, as quartz, feldspar and kaolin all occur in the pegmatic dikes as the mica, its production will increase the probability of the production of the others; and in some instances, mica may be a by-product in the production of the feldspar or quartz and pay for a large part of the expenses. Thus, where neither would pay to work alone, by operating for two or more of the above products the mining could be made profitable.

In cutting the right of way for the C. C. & O. railroad, a most beautiful white marble was exposed

ed in a cut on the north bank of the North Toe river near the mouth of Sink-Hole creek, about three and one-half miles above Toxane Station. This marble is very similar in color and texture to the white marble found at Tate, Georgia. We have had a sphere cut from this marble which took a most beautiful polish and showed that it was adapted for statuary and monumental purposes as well as for a building stone. We traced the outcrop of the marble to about a mile northeast from the railway cut by means of boulders and outcrops, in this distance we have been unable to find any outcrop on the south side of the river. I believe that this marble should be more fully investigated, and I believe that it would be worth while, in connection with this investigation to have one or two cross cuts made, to expose the outcrop at a point a few hundred yards back from the railroad.

Yancey County.

In this county there are a great many mica mines which contain quartz and feldspar similarly as was mentioned under Mitchell county, and their location has already been given.

Another mineral in this county that offers very promising commercial possibilities is CHROMITE. The principal deposit is at Mine

Fork, about two and a half to three miles from Green Mountain station.

Remember, that your poll tax must be paid on or before May 1st if you expect to vote in November. This should be headed by every Democrat who cares anything about the success of his party. The time is short, therefore, don't postpone payment of this tax, as delays are dangerous. Pay now, and get others to do likewise.

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