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Our Natural Resources.

Coal and Iron and Silver.

There is no country in the world, says the Wilmington Star, which equals our own in the vastness and variety of its natural resources. Some countries may have large deposits of some useful mineral, fine forests, with land capable of producing in abundance certain crops, but there is none that combines all these in any degree to compare with this country. This is one reason why we should feel independent, and have the courage to shape our own policies and pursue our own course, without asking the advice or yielding to the dictation of any other country.

If we were forced to it we could live and prosper absolutely cut off from other nations of the earth, for we can do and raise everything necessary to sustain life and enable our people to live comfortably, the only difference being that while the cessation of intercourse lasted we would be deprived of the advantages arising from an interchange of our commodities for their commodities, which might result in some temporary inconvenience, but in much more to them than it would to us.

Coal is one of the essential elements both of industry and comfort. No country can become a great manufacturing country without it, and where coal and iron are found in close proximity and in abundance, there is no reason why that country, if it has the right kind of people in it, should not become a great manufacturing country. As giving some idea of the extent of our coal resources we clip the following from a recent number of the Philadelphia Record:

"The elaborate statistical volume on the coal industry which has been prepared by Mr. E. W. Parker, for the U. S. Geological Survey, shows that the production of coal in this country in the past 15 years has reached an aggregate of 1,783,874,284 gross tons. The anthracite region in Eastern Penn., which covers an area of 480 square miles, yielded 519,370,268 tons or nearly 30 per cent. of this total, and the 9,000 square miles of bituminous coal area in Penn. produced 1,264,503,769 gross tons. Of both bituminous and anthracite coal Penn. has produced during the past fifteen years 990,238,037 gross tons, or over 55 per cent of the entire output of the country. And yet the coal fields of Pennsylvania, which produce such a large proportion of the total output, constitutes but little more than 4 per cent. of the known area of coal in the United States. Even in the small anthracite region in which the mining of coal has made the nearest approach to an exact science, and in which the largest inroads have been made upon the supply, there is no fear of an early exhaustion of the deposits. The calculation of Dr. H. M. Chance, of the Pennsylvania Geological survey, show that the untouched reserve of the bituminous coal in Pennsylvania amounts to about 33,547,000,000 gross tons. The 470,867,779 tons of soft coal which have been mined during the past fifteen years, therefore represent only about 1.4 per cent. of what remains. At the rate of production of the past year the bituminous coal supply of Pennsylvania would last nearly a thousand years; and that is but a small fraction of the fuel resources upon which this country can draw as necessity may demand.

"When the 9,430 square miles of coal in Pennsylvania shall begin to show signs of approaching exhaustion we shall have the following great resources of bituminous fuel to depend on:

	Sq. Miles.
Illinois	36,800
Missouri	29,700
Indian Territory	20,000
Iowa	18,000
Kansas	17,000
West Virginia	19,000
Kentucky	15,000
Ohio	10,000
Alabama	8,000

This is only a partial test of the

coal deposits, which, as the Record remarks, are found in at least twenty other states and territories. Mention is here made only of the states in which coal mining is carried on as an industry, but there are large areas of coal in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, and also in some of the Pacific states. The extent of these is not known because the discoveries are recent and they have been only partially explored, while there is scarcely a week that does not add some new discovery to those previously made.

There is one notable difference between the coal deposits of the South and those of other sections in the fact that the deposits in the South as a general thing lie nearer to the surface and can, therefore, be mined to better advantage and much more economically than they can be in some sections of this country or in Europe. Why should a country like this, with all these advantages, with all this richness of natural resources, be pleading for European capital to come and help us turn them to account, and why should we be told that we must conform our monetary system to suit European approbation lest we drive the European money lenders away from us and they refuse to lend us their money? If our fathers had been actuated by that spirit and that lack of independence this country would still be a British dependency in allegiance as well as finances. We are not only the great coal and iron producer of the world, but also the great silver producer, but instead of availing ourselves of that advantage and utilizing this silver to help develop our resources and build up our power, we have in vainly permitted a few conspirators to combine against it, to discredit and degrade it, and convert it from a money metal of first dignity to a mere commercial commodity, which some of the gold standard people sneer at as 'junk.' There is no other country in the world which if it had the silver supplies of this country, would ever have shown such stupidity as that, and thus at one blow strike down what, if properly treated and appreciated, would make it financially the strongest and wealthiest nation on earth. With other resources backed by our silver there is no nation on earth that could compete with us.

The Georgia Peach.

The Georgia peach is becoming even more celebrated than the Georgia watermelon and it is said is driving the California peach out of the Eastern markets. Whether the Georgia peach is naturally any better than the California peach or not (and Georgia growers contend that it is), it has a decided advantage of its rival in the shorter time required to reach the markets. The difference between one day and six days on the road gives vast odds to the Georgia peach, which is in consequence permitted to remain longer on the tree and reach a higher degree of maturity before being plucked for shipment. It ripens on the tree in the natural order and is therefore more luscious than the fruit picked in a groener state, and ripened so to speak, by the process of decay. With the refrigerator cars that are now furnished by the fruit transporting railroads and the lightning time made to the principal markets the Georgia peach grower can put his peaches in Philadelphia, New York, St. Louis and Chicago almost as fresh as it came from the tree. But Georgia has not the monopoly of the peach growing territory in the South, although it may have the advantage of the fruit maturing a week or two earlier than it does in the tier of States north of it. South Carolina ought to be able to grow as good a peach as can be grown in Georgia and we know North Carolina can for we raise not only a choice variety, but some kinds peculiar to this State, and some as fine as can be grown anywhere in the world. The only reason why the industry has not attained the proportions it has in

Georgia is because our pioneer fruit men gave more attention to supplying Georgia and other Southern States with the young trees than they did to growing the fruit, and some of them made a great deal of money by this, too.

SILVER CONVENTION.

Daniels of Virginia Presides—Writes the Choice for Presidency—Ransom Denies Rumors.

Special Correspondence of The Gleaner.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17th, 1895.

The silver Convention met here August 14th and adjourned August 15th. Twenty states were represented by 85 members. Senator Daniels of Va. was chosen permanent Chairman. Va. had the largest delegation of any state represented. N. C. sent as delegates ex-Senator T. J. Jarvis, Congressman Lockhart and Mr. Josephus Daniels of the News and Observer. Senator Daniels presided with great dignity. After the convention adjourned he was kept busy at the departments for those of his constituents who want offices. Ex-Senator Jarvis said: "Among the class of persons who had not before any well-defined opinions and another class who are disposed to adopt the views of the administration, there have been a few accessions to the gold side, but the great body of the people of N. C. are just as decidedly in favor of the free coinage of silver as they were three or four months ago. I should say that there are not more than one-fifth of the democrats in the aggregate on the gold side to four-fifths on the side of silver. In some counties the proportion may be as one in twenty; in others as one in two. I was told by intelligent citizens of Rowan that Mr. Walter Murphy's claim that the county was again silver shows that he knows nothing about the sentiment of the county. Those citizens say that Rowan is for free silver. In some of the counties in the Charlotte region there is more of the gold feeling than elsewhere. N. C. as a whole is a strong free silver state, and as you well know is going to remain so. We are not in a condition there, if we felt like it, to abate an iota of zeal for free coinage. N. C. democrats were in the last election a minority of the others of the State. A party that is so situated if it is wise seeks to strengthen, not weaken, itself. To adopt a gold standard on an ambiguous platform and nominate a candidate for President who stands on such a platform is to invite the loss of votes in N. C. when we have none to lose. We shall have hard work but we think with a prospect for free silver we shall win the fight. This conference is to make a plan by which the party throughout the country can be saved next year. I do not know what that plan will be. I come as an observer of events, to see, to listen and to learn. Representative Lockhart was equally emphatic in declaring that there had been no substantial gains to the opposition of silver. In this Mr. Josephus Daniels fully concurred. In response to a question he said: "Unquestionably silver has not lost ground in North Carolina. The people by a very large majority are for free coinage of silver."

Hon. Wm. R. Morrison seemed to be the favorite for the Presidential nomination among the silver democrats.

A good many politicians here figure out that the most likely settlement between the radical sound money democrats of the east and the radical silver men of the south and west will be found in the nomination of a conservative sound money man, whose party association and place of abode more closely ally him with either the south or the west.

Minister Bansom most emphatically denies the rumor published in the Globe Democrat that he had ever reflected in any way on the Mexican officials. No one who knows Gen. Ransom believed the report for an instant.

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Seeding to Crimson Clover

Thousands of acres in Middle and Southern States are being seeded to Crimson clover which is creating as much excitement as alfalfa has raised in the central west, while experiments with crimson clover are being made in New England and also in the Central and Western States. As a hay forage I have never found anything to equal it, while the seed yields as high as 12 to 15 bushels to the acre, though five to ten is a fair average. It is found to be one of the best crops to use in connection with orcharding, trucking or berry growing. It fills the rotation exactly. For instance plant peas in the spring, and follow tomatoes for the cannerly as soon as the peas are off. When you lay tomatoes by, seed with crimson clover. Thus the ground is occupied with some crop all the time, and in the following May, if soil and season have been favorable, you will have a crop of clover two or three feet high to cut for hay or ensilage, and a good crop of stubbles and roots to turn under to enrich the soil. Corn, potatoes or any other crop may follow. Of course this is only one instance. Many orchards are seeded with the clover, either to plow under as a fertilizer, or to be cut for hay.

I prefer not to seed the entire ground in an orchard. The ground should be well broken, then a smoothing harrow or drag run over it, followed with the seeder, one strip of fourteen feet between a peach tree row being enough. Then harrow again and roll. Where a large quantity of land is to be seeded it is best to have all these operations to go on at once, for if the ground is moist the seed will sprout in a few days, and on seed left unrolled or unharrowed the sprouts will be broken off from many of them, thus reducing the chances for a good stand. By all means put the seed in the ground and not on it. I have tried just rolling the seed on freshly harrowed ground, and while much of the seed sprouts and takes root, not one half will grow. If sown previous to August 15th in this latitude, the chances are that the hot sun will kill it, although early seeding is no doubt best if you can get a stand. Having lost my entire seeding once or twice, I am cautious now not to seed before that time. I have known good stands as late as October 1, but the chances are that the clover will not make much root before cold weather sets in, yielding a poor crop. A great deal is sown in standing corn at the last harrowing or cultivating. If the work is well done, under flat culture, so that the field is left smooth after the corn is cut at the bottom, the result is likely to be very satisfactory, because the corn will shade the young clover and permit it to get a fine stand. Many farmers have made the mistake of sowing crimson clover in the spring. It is only an annual, maturing seed with the first crop. The root dies as soon as seed is matured.—American Agriculturist.

Chuck Full of Soup.

A Senator from the far west, new alike to congressional honors and the ways of society, was invited to a very swell dinner given by a wealthy man who wanted "influence." Here is a part of the letter the Senator wrote home the day after:

"It was the finest house you ever saw and the finest folks. The table was set out in lang-up style. Lace on the table cloth and such flowers as I never see. But not a thing to eat on it, but some candy, some little nuts all shelled and such things. But by and by one of the men standing around brought me some of the finest soup you ever et. And as I didn't see anything else to eat I had some more, and some more. And then—what do you think? Hang me, if those men didn't bring on one of the finest dinners you ever see, and there I sat like a fool chuck full of soup."

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Quer Epitaphs.

A Williamsport (Mass.) correspondent writes the following:

In the village of Pownal, adjoining this town, is an old cemetery, one of the oldest in the State of Vermont. Many of the stones have long since toppled over and are almost concealed by moss and overgrown grass. On many are quaint old inscriptions. At the head of one grave is seen:

"Here lies in Silent clay,
Miss Amelie Young,
Who, on the 21st of May,
Began to hold her tongue."

Many are of a humorous nature as is shown by the following:

"Here lies the wife of Simon Stokes
Who lived and died like other folks,
Here I lie, and no wonder I'm dead,
For a wagon wheel passed over my head."

John Hill is referred to as follows:

"Here lies John Hill, a man of skill,
His age was five times ten,
He never did good nor never would,
Had he lived as long again."

The Bloomer Girl.

What next? says the New York correspondent of the Pittsburg Dispatch. The bloomer girl has added a pistol pocket to her cloth-decorating pantaloons, and carries a bullet hurler in it. The authority for the statement is none other than one of the oldest and most experienced cycling outfitters in the country—a man who has made more plain and durable skirts for devotees of the wheel than any other tailor of either sex. The new fad is not confined to the bolder bloomerites, but instead has been boomed by the weak and modest wheelers who have been annoyed by recent acts of ruffians on the road. When pistol practice becomes part and parcel of the wheeling course those who poke fun at the cyclinists in "knicks" will take desperate chances. It has been demonstrated that a woman can fire a bullet straighter than she can throw a stone or skillet.

Crushed Again.

"Isn't it awful? said Mrs. Jenks to her husband.

"Isn't what awful?" queried Jenks.

"Houston's boy was run over and received infernal injuries."

"Internal you mean."

"No I mean infernal, I know what I am talking about."

After a quarrel of five minutes Jenks produced a dictionary and with considerable trouble managed to find "infernal."

"There!" he exclaimed, "I told you so. Infernal means 'relating to the lower regions.'"

"Well," replied Mrs. Jenks, and there was a ring of triumph in her voice, "ain't that where he was injured?"—Truth.

Dry Food For Chicks.

The food for young chicks should never be sloppy. It will do no harm to moisten the ground grain a little, but no more water should be used for that purpose than to make a stiff, crumbly dough. It is better to feed even ground food dry, if it can be done conveniently. One thing to observe is never to leave any food over from the meal that has been moistened, as it ferments and assists in causing gapes, as well as leading to bowel disease. Scatter millet seed over the runs for chicks and let them hunt and scratch for them. They will be all the better from the exercise and will have more appetite at feeding times.

Useful Hints.

A simple way to remove grease spots from wall paper, caused by the head resting against the wall, is to hold a piece of clean blotting paper over the spot and press a moderately warm flat iron over it. Repeat the operation until all the grease is out.

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MONDAY, SEPT. 2nd, 1895