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[The following article is copied from the *New South*, mainly to correct a number of errors, which could not be corrected in that paper.]

A SMALL CABINET OF ORES FROM NORTH CAROLINA MINES.

Editor *New South*: In fulfillment of a promise made some time ago, I send you by freight a small cabinet of thirty specimens of minerals, gathered mostly in Rowan county. You, of course, desire to know something of their history and the locality from whence they were taken; or else they lose the greater part of their value. A specimen of any mineral, no matter how valuable or beautiful, creates little interest if its source is unknown. I proceed then, with a brief description, in the order in which the specimens are numbered:

No. 1.—Iron and copper (chalcopyrite) sulphurets, carrying gold in combination, from the Gold Hill Mines, 14 miles southeast of Salisbury. The vein stone is a combination of the sulphurets already mentioned, and quartz seams intermixed with argillaceous slate, which is the principal rock of the formation. This is colored with chlorite, and is generally mistaken for talcose slate.

On this property, gold was first discovered in 1842. It has been worked with tolerable regularity ever since; has changed hands several times; the bullion output changing with the different companies. Some of them failed, while others made money. From the most reliable source I am informed that the property has produced between three and four millions, nearly approaching the latter. This amount will exceed the cost of production, but exactly how much, I am unable to state.

The property is now in the hands of a large English company, with Capt. Wm. Treloar, Superintendent. They have expended large amounts in placing the best and most approved machinery and amalgamating apparatus on the property, and are pushing forward the underground workings as rapidly as practicable. The most important work now going on is forking the water from Randolph shaft—750 feet deep, with 900 feet drifting and tunneling. They are also clearing what is known as the "Old Field Shaft."

No. 2. Auriferous pyrites from the Reimer Mines, six and a half miles from Salisbury. This property was prospected and worked to water level before the war, and lay idle until the North Carolina Gold Mining and Reduction Company purchased it several years ago. They have a fine plant of machinery for hoisting and pumping, and also, elaborate concentrating works.

The property is developed to the depth of 165 feet, with over 400 feet of drifting on vein, which is bold, varying from two to four feet in width. They have recently let contract for sinking 50 feet deeper.

The concentrates from this mine are chlorinated at the Chlorination Works of the company, situated two miles south of Salisbury. The company have not made known the amount of bullion produced, yet the mine is considered a paying one, and the continuance of their expensive operations justifies the conclusion. The value of this ore by fire assays varies from \$12 to \$40, occasionally running much higher.

No. 3. The ores from the Bullion Mine are very similar to those of the Reimer, in fact they are considered a part of the same fissure, extending to this property only a half mile distant. The Bullion is owned by Pennsylvania capitalists who have allowed the mine to remain idle since the fall of '81. There is a fair plant of machinery which would be in better condition were it in use. It is considered a valuable mine.

No. 4. Auriferous sulphurets, slightly arsenical, from the Southern Belle Mine, six miles south of Salisbury. Property has only been prospected to a shallow depth, and with the aid of a small plant of prospecting machinery. Boston capital controls this property, which is now idle and has been since last spring. Those who know the mine claim that it is valuable, while the inactivity of its owners indicates the contrary.

No. 5, 6, and 7. These three specimens are from the Dunn's Mountain Mine, three and a half miles southeast of Salisbury. 5 is gold-bearing copper and iron pyrites; 6, red oxide of copper and chalcopyrite; 7, brown ore and sulphurets, last considered rich—showing in pan a nice "color" of free gold. Dunn's Mountain is owned by a gentleman in New York, and is worked with private capital; fine well equipped with modern machinery, and fair underground exploration. The present work is that of underground development, and Mr. J. D. Stewart, the superintendent, is confident of permanent success of the mine. The yield of bullion has been fair, yet hardly sufficient to meet the cost of production, as a great deal of

money was squandered in the management of the first few years.

No. 8. Specimen of ore from the undeveloped property of Mr. O. V. Pool in this county. It is of the same general character of the other ores—sulphurets of iron and copper in combination, carrying a per cent. of gold. Some little hematite occasionally found in the gangue.

No. 9. Brown ore and sulphurets from the Rowan Mine, ten miles southeast of Salisbury, Mr. L. Graf, Newark, N. J., is the owner. The property is just being developed, thus far only prospecting machinery has been introduced. Indications are fair and the management is hopeful—confident of a paying mine.

No. 10. This specimen is a rich, free milling brown ore from Gold Knob, ten miles southeast of Salisbury. Gold Knob is a large property, embracing three mineral tracts. Exploration and prospecting work has only been done by the proprietor, Mr. Frank Williams. The ore here are mostly low grade, yet of sufficient value to pay if worked on a large scale.

No. 11. This is a beautiful specimen of honey-combed quartz, sulphurets and hematite iron, from the Dutch Creek Mine. This is also a large property lying about ten miles southeast of Salisbury. It has been equipped with some machinery, and developed underground to a considerable extent. Mr. J. C. Penninton, president, and J. J. Newman, secretary, live on the property, and have superintended all the work in opening up the mine. They have spent most of the money used in thoroughly opening the mine, and not in profitless surface show. They expect at an early day to introduce effective apparatus for the manipulation of their ores.

No. 12. Sulphurets from the 'Spring Vein,' on the Dutch Creek property.

No. 13. Auriferous sulphurets, from the New Discovery Mine, three and a half miles southeast of Salisbury. This is a new property and is just now being opened, and a force of hands is engaged in tunneling and drifting on veins, of which two have been encountered in the new cross-cut—very rich. The management seems satisfied with the prospects. Machinery is soon to be placed.

No. 14. Brown ore and partially decomposed pyrite from unexplored property owned by Mr. Geo. Long near Salisbury.

No. 15. Sulphurets, same character as is generally met with in this section, from undeveloped mine, owned by Dr. Roseman, near Salisbury.

No. 16. This is a specimen of green carbonate or copper—a sedimentary deposit of recent formation; having been taken from the old tail race of the Gold Hill Mines. [Many of the so-called mining experts would place this specimen along with the sediments of the Taconic system, to which system nearly all the metalliferous sediments of this State belong.]

No. 17. Sideite—an iron ore—found at the Gold Knob Mine, but it is rare, occurring in white quartz on the surface in that locality.

No. 18. Stentite, soapstone, a coarse variety, injured by the presence of red oxide of iron; yet may be used for hearths, chimney backs and such purposes. It is found a few miles south of Salisbury.

No. 19. Copper ore, chalcopyrite and azurite from the Union gold and copper mine, on the line between Rowan and Cabarrus counties, just below Gold Hill. It is a valuable property, but has been idle for some years. It was an Ante-bellum corporation that worked it last.

No. 20. Is a magnetic iron ore slightly titaniferous, from the Harris mine in Davie county. Attempts to work this ore before the war failed because of the presence of titanite. This objection has to some extent been overcome in modern works.

No. 21. Prof. Kerr, State Geologist calls this ore, (chalcopyrite) "Prill," and says that it is 33 per cent copper. It is from the famous Conrad Hill mine in Davidson county. This property is also rich in gold. It is among the best equipped mines in the State and is destined to become one of the most productive. Mr. W. S. Clayton, well known in mining circles, has charge.

No. 22. Argentiferous Galena from the Silver Hill Mine in Davidson county. This is one of the oldest and deepest mines in the State, and its resources are too well known to require comment here. It is said that the galena from this mine was shipped to Richmond during the war and manufactured into bullets for the Confederate service without having the silver extracted—in which case the bullets carried a percentage of silver well worth the saving.

No. 23. Galenite, carrying silver, copper, zinc, lead and sulphur, and is from the Silver Valley mine of Davidson county. The company working this property have recently sold the entire output of the mine for the next three years, to a large smelting company in Swansea, Wales. The

mine is supplied with a fine plant of machinery, and also, budding vats for the separation and concentration of their ores.

No. 24. Auriferous and argentiferous galena from the Welborn mine in Davidson county. A new company has recently taken charge, with Mr. E. S. Caldwell, superintendent. Approved machinery is being placed, and expected to be in operation in a short time.

No. 25. Clay slate, auriferous pyrites from Stith mine in Davidson county. Only partially developed.

No. 26. Brown honey-combed quartz stained with carbonate of iron from unexplored property owned by Dr. Tomlinson, near Trinity College, in Randolph county.

No. 27. Amethystine quartz and crystals from Davie county.

No. 28. Green carbonate of copper and malachite from Ashe county.

No. 29. Magnetic iron ore from Ashe county.

No. 30. Cubes of iron pyrites from Montgomery county.

These specimens will serve to show the general character of the ores of this section. As a rule, the ores are brown, or decomposed sulphurets from the surface to water level, where the sulphurets of both iron and copper are found in a perfect state. This fact accounts for the abandonment of many mines which have yielded free gold well, until this trouble at water level was encountered. This is caused by the refractory condition of the undecomposed vein matter, the gold being in chemical combination with sulphurets, and can only be extracted by smelting or chlorination, the last process being most too expensive for our low grade ores; in fact, it is a question whether any process has yet been discovered that will render the working of North Carolina low grade sulphurets a profitable undertaking. The discoverer of a process that will fully meet the difficulties to be encountered in our lean sulphurets will have his fortune secured.

By examining the specimens, you observe that iron and copper pyrites frequently occur in combination, which fact does not lessen the task of extraction. Where these two sulphurets are found together there is a strong tendency for the whole mass to become cupriferosus to an exclusive degree as depth is attained, which fact may also be cited as a reason for the desertion of deposits supposed to be only auriferous when discovered and opened on the surface.

There is probably more said and written about North Carolina mines to-day, than ever before. It may be taken as an indication in our favor. The better known the resources of a State, the more probability of attracting intelligent capital. Let me say just here that capital alone will do us no good for a permanent, legitimate business standpoint. It is thoroughly necessary to have intelligent superior labor; the shoveling of the dirt and cracking of the stone may be done by ordinary labor, but it must be directed by an intelligent and practical understanding of economical mining. Many mines now lie idle from ignorance, while others have deserted cabins and filled up shafts from mismanagement and fraud.

T. K. BRUNER, Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 30.

CAPTURED, BUT KILLED.

Joe Ross, the Murderer, meets his Fate—How the Camden Pursuing Party Surrounded him, and he is Killed before he will Surrender—His Confession.

The Camden party which passed through this city Monday night, and returned Tuesday, in pursuit of Joe Ross, alias James Wilson, the double murderer, were successful after all. Learning that Ross was in hiding in the neighborhood of Ivy's mill, Lancaster county, with other citizens of the vicinity to the number of twenty-five, they surrounded Ross in his hiding place and he was captured after being fatally wounded. Wednesday afternoon about half-past six o'clock. He died about 3 o'clock yesterday morning.

The circumstances of the pursuit and capture, as learned from Mr. "Shelly" Haile, of Fort Mill, are about as follows: The Camden party after leaving Charlotte continued on its way through Lancaster county, S. C. Near Belair they inquired directions as to their road from an old negro man working in a field and incidentally mentioned that they were in pursuit of Ross, whom they described. The old man told them he had seen such a man; that he had come to his house and asked for bread, and had then taken the course towards Ivy's mill. Encouraged by a new hope of success in their mission of vengeance, the party set out for the mill. This was on Wednesday, and the intelligence that Ross was in hiding thereabouts was telegraphed from Rock Hill and published in the *Journal* yesterday morning.

A NAIL EATING DOG.—Mr. W. B. Taylor had a fine pointer pup, 4 months old to die yesterday. The dog had been sick for about two weeks and a half and all the efforts made to restore it to health were in vain. Several veterinary surgeons were consulted but none of them could form any idea as to what was the matter with it. When it died yesterday Mr. Taylor determined on an autopsy, and cutting the dead dog open found about one-fourth of a pound of shingle nails in its stomach, which the poor pup had been trying to digest for over two weeks.—*Char. Journal*.

made for making a thorough search of the rocky ground.

But while these preparations were in progress,

THE DOUBLE MURDERER'S DOOM was accomplished in an unexpected and dramatically tragic manner. Mr. Alouzo Huntley lives upon the bank of the Catawba, underneath the bluff upon which Ross was hidden. Mr. Huntley was aware of the search for Ross; had secured all his boats so that the escape of the murderer in that direction was impossible, and was sitting in his house with his wife awaiting the denouement of the search. Suddenly a low, very black and heavy sea negro, with a protruding brow and a retreating forehead, entered the open door and asked excitedly to be set across the river. It was Ross, and Mr. Huntley was conscious of the fact in a moment. He sprang to the corner of the room where he had placed an old army musket heavily loaded with duck shot. Being the gun towards Ross he demanded his surrender. In his desperation, Ross sprang towards the muzzle of the musket and attempted to seize the barrel. He miscalculated his reach and caught the projecting ram rod of the old fashioned piece, and fell round in his efforts to tear the gun from Mr. Huntley's hands. All this took but a second, and the gun was discharged almost at the same moment with the

MUZZLE ALMOST AGAINST THE SMALL OF ROSS'S BACK.

He fell frightfully wounded and unable to rise but still alive and conscious.

Mr. Huntley bound the wounded felon securely, and leaving his still unterrified wife (who alone had witnessed the desperate scene) to guard the prisoner, set off to inform the searching party.

Ross was taken to an unoccupied house, known as the 'old Hagan house,' two miles from Ivy's mill, on the Charlotte road. Here he lay throughout the night suffering terribly. He was nursed carefully by his half brother, Jack Ross, who, as stated in the *Journal* Tuesday, accompanied the party from Camden in pursuit. He was very quiet in his suffering and displayed no bravado in dying. He seemed aware that death was inevitable and to a thoughtless and jocular suggestion by one of the young men of the party, which he overheard, that he be killed to end his suffering, he replied, "Let me live, for I haven't got long to live." No physician attended him, and the ministrations of his brother Jack, and those of the members of the party whose pity caused them to forget the atrocity of his crimes, were all that alleviated the death of this inhuman negro, the brutality of whose two murders is unparalleled in the criminal records of this country.

He died shortly after 3 o'clock a. m. His remains were taken to Camden in accordance with the telegraphed wishes of Mr. J. D. McDowell, a brother of the victim of the last murder. So passes away a criminal who for three years has been successfully eluding justice in North Carolina by fleeing to South Carolina, and whose reappearance, or supposed reappearance, in Mecklenburg, have repeatedly terrorized the colored people of the city and country, and whose death yesterday was occasioned by a repetition of his first atrocity.

THE MURDERER'S CONFESSION.

While he was dying in the old Hagan house, Messrs. W. J. Cureton and Jno. Estridge took down some of his confessions.

He made a statement of the circumstances of a Hennegan case which are more familiar to the public; but said further that Ed. Harrison, a negro who was arrested at the time of the inquest of the affair, but who was afterwards released, was more guilty in the murder than Marshall Baxter, who was hung for it. He also stated the circumstances of the McDowell murder, saying that he bore malice toward Mr. McDowell over a difference in the settlement of some business affairs; that he had killed Mr. McDowell by striking him unawares in the back of the head with an axe, while he (Mr. McDowell) was at his (Ross's) house, and that he had been assisted in hiding the body in a ditch and covering it with brush by his (Ross's) brother-in-law, Ross. It will be remembered, was also accused of firing of Mr. Rufus Weddington's barn in Providence township four or five years ago. He denied having done this but said he knew who did it. He declined to say who it was, however. A deposition was obtained by Messrs. Cureton and Estridge, which the *Journal* hopes to secure for publication.

Born on a Train.

Capt. John Gee, conductor on the Richmond and Danville road had his nerves put to a severe test on his last trip to this city, by the unusual event of a birth in a passenger car. The porter called Capt. Gee's attention to the strange conduct of a woman who seemed to be in trouble and didn't know what to do, and finally communicating with her through an old colored woman who was fortunately on board, the truth dawned upon him with staggering effect. He drove all the men out of the car and when the next station was reached, he telegraphed to the station ahead for a doctor. When the train arrived at that station, the doctor appeared and Capt. Gee stood guard at the door until the votes were counted. The passengers were then admitted and each one checked the little red faced cherub under the chin, and named it over a dozen times before the station was reached where it and its mother were to alight.

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A Bad Medicine Man.

"How are the colored voters coming on out on Onion Creek?" asked an Austin candidate of a darkey with a load of hay.

"Dar's a heap ob sickness out dar among de colored folks."

"What is it, malaria?"

"I reckon dat's de name of the stuff. Hit am sumfin what he got from de drugery shop."

"What stuff are you talking about?"

"De stuff a white man out dar puts in his watermillions to keep de colored folks from mistakin' them for their own watermillions."

Yes, indeed, if the Democrats of this State (and many of the Republicans) are pledged to do any one thing more than another, it is to do all they can to abolish the miserable, corrupting internal revenue law.—*Charlotte Democrat*.

The Washington Post thinks it is "morally certain" that Judge Kelly will fail utterly in his efforts to abolish the liquor taxes. Perhaps so, but if the Democrats do their duty he will not. If the North Carolina delegation abide by the pledges of their party in this State they will vote against the whole internal revenue taxes.—*Charlotte Journal*.

"Grandpa, the sun is brighter in summer than in winter, is it not?" "Yes; and it's warmer and enjoys better health."

"Why does it enjoy better health?" "Because it gets up earlier."

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A. L. HALL, Adm'r. Nov. 6th, 1882.—46w

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