

GOVERNOR LONG'S POETIC PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, it is a good and ancient custom to set apart after the harvest a day for thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God.

Now, therefore, I, John D. Long, Governor, by and with the advice of the Council, appoint therefore Thursday, the 24th day of November next.

Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, Thou visitest the earth and waterest it: Thou blessest the springing thereof.

Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness. The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn: they abound for joy, they also sing.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor. Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

O Painter of the fruits and flowers, We own Thy wise design. Whereby these humble hands of ours May share the work of Thine.

Apart from Thee we plant in vain The root and sow the seed. Thy early smile Thy later rain Thy sun and dew we need.

Our toil is sweet with thankfulness. Our burden is our boon: The course of our life's morning is The blessing of its noon.

And still with reverent hands we call Thy gifts each year renewed: The good is always beautiful— The beautiful is good.

Given at the Council chamber in Boston, this 23rd day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundredth and sixth.

JOHN D. LONG, By his Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Council.

HENRY B. PIENICE, Secretary. God save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. —Boston Herald.

NORTH CAROLINA AT ATLANTA.

Charleston News & Courier. All the minerals used in the manufacturing arts are found in North Carolina in immense quantities, specimens of which are contained in the collection at the Exposition.

KAOLIN AND TALC. abound in large deposits. The kaolin occurs in many of the middle counties, but the finest quality, as white as snow and entirely free from all sand or grit, is found in Macon county, in the extreme southwestern part of the State. It lies superficially, and can be worked at inconceivable cost. Red clays for making brick, and light colored varieties for the manufacture of pipes and coarse pottery, are found in the central part of the State and in the Piedmont country.

The minerals peculiar to the State are corundum and mica, both of which exist in large quantities. The richest deposits of corundum are found in Macon county, near Franklin, and in Clay county, on Buck Creek, and elsewhere in smaller quantities.

THE MICA MINES are in Mitchell, and yield remarkably fine specimens. There are now found shafts in this county that were sunk before the white man ever came to this country. How the shafts came there no one knows, but trees have been removed from the debris covering their mouths which indicate centuries of growth. It is supposed by some that the aboriginal workers of the mines carried on a great traffic with the inhabitants of the Mississippi Valley, the interpreter of the mystery being able in this way only to account for the presence of mica in the Indian mounds which have been found in the Mississippi Valley. However this may be, it is a singular fact that the ancient shafts to this day indicate the best veins of mica and yield the finest products. In mica and corundum Western North Carolina now forms the storehouse of the world.

In the southwestern part of the State, now being opened up by two lines of railroad, there are large quantities of the finest marble, of varied colors and susceptible of the highest polish. Specimens are on exhibition, the most striking of which is a beautiful flesh-colored variety, which would be especially suited to statuary. There are large quantities of the best varieties of building stone, gray and Scotch granites and brown sandstone in the central and western portions of the State. The quarries have not been largely worked.

Encouraging indications have been found in the State of the existence of PRECIOUS STONES in large quantities. Five or six hundred diamonds have been found by persons working for gold, and an entirely new gem was recently discovered in Alexander county by Prof. Hiden, while working over the debris of an old gold mine. This stone is a green color and very beautiful. It is said to be equal in value to the diamond. In his explorations Prof. Hiden also discovered a pocket of emeralds of great purity and beauty. Topazes, garnets and agates in great numbers have been found, and the wealth of the State in this direction alone is wonderful, though not yet to be explored.

The Western North Carolina Railroad. Raleigh News-Observer. The commissioners of the Western North Carolina Railroad having returned, we have ascertained the following as the result of their work:

It appears that there were some ten allegations of discriminations considered by the commissioners at their recent meeting at Charlotte. Many or most of them embraced charges for carriage over other roads than the Western North Carolina Railroad only. In the reply made by the authorities of the Western North Carolina Railroad, they say that they make full answer in all matters, but do not admit the right of the commissioners to inquire into facts concerning their connecting lines. They say that if any discriminations have

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occurred on the Western North Carolina Railroad they were by accident, and not intended, it having been the will and intention of the management to strictly observe the law.

The commissioners, in their record of their proceedings, say, "After considering the complaints and the answers of the management (of the Western North Carolina Railroad), the commissioners find as a fact that there have been discriminations by the management of the Western North Carolina Railroad Company, in violation of the act of sale. But as some of them had been already corrected since the commissioners began their investigation, and the managers professed their willingness to correct all others and guard against their occurrence in the future, the commissioners deem it proper to take no further action for the present, reserving the right to do so hereafter should it become necessary."

The commissioners proceeded on the 8th and 9th over the Western North Carolina Railroad, as far as the track had been laid upon either branch, and inspected the progress and character of the work thereon. They found that since their last inspection the track has been laid on the Paint Rock branch from two miles above to ten miles below Marshall, a distance of about twelve miles. The road, as far as Marshall, they find to be in fair running order, but that part below Marshall they find to be of a temporary character. They find that some two and a half miles of track have been laid on the Ducktown line, west from the junction, which is also of a temporary character. They find that since their last inspection work has been prosecuted on both lines with diligence and energy. The commissioners are expected to meet in Raleigh on Monday, the 14th.

We find some mention of the same matter in the Charlotte Observer, which says: "It is learned further that a great deal of the work, such as frestles and the like, is of a temporary nature, but that the company are preparing to replace most of them with permanent iron structures. Senator Vance states that the commissioners have never yet announced their ratification of the claimed extension of time of four months, from the 1st of July last till the first of November last. It will be remembered that the commissioners, at their meeting last September, ignored the validity of that extension."

Track laying commenced yesterday on the Pensacola & Atlantic Railroad. The road will connect east and west Florida, and the managers say it will be completed to a connection with the Jacksonville road during next year.

Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, American Minister to Spain, and Mrs. Hamlin, and Miss Eliza Langley, Secretary of Legation, arrived at Liverpool yesterday in the steamer Illinois, from Philadelphia.

New York Naval Stores Market, November 14. Spirits Turpentine—The market is somewhat stronger and rather more active, encouraged by the better shipping advices. Sales are 300 bbls in negotiable order, in yard, at 55 1/2c, and 500 bbls at 55c, closing at 55 1/2c for yard lots. Roins—The strained still favors buyers, as the exporters are restricted in dealings by the position of the freight market; the medium grades hold up well, being chiefly wanted; quiet; strained and good strained, 89 3/8c 3/4; G 3 00c 3/8; H 2 95; I 2 90c 3/8; J 2 85; K 2 80c 3/8; L 2 75c 3/8; M 2 70c 3/8; N 2 65c 3/8; O 2 60c 3/8. Tar at 43 1/2c.

Savannah Rice Market, November 15. Savannah News. There was a good demand for this grain to-day at steady and unchanged values. Sales of 308 bbls. We quote, Common..... 54 1/2c Fair..... 54 1/2c Good..... 54 1/2c Prime..... 54 1/2c Choice..... 54 1/2c Rough..... 54 1/2c Country lots..... 90c @ 75 Tide water..... \$1 50 @ 1 25

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 102,836 bales, of which 55,183 were to Great Britain, 12,338 to France and 35,315 to the rest of the Continent, while the stocks as made up this evening are now 777,399 bales.

To-day continued unfavorable; reports from the Southern exchanges caused some reduction in crop estimates, and revived speculative confidence, upon which an important advance was realized. Cotton on the spot was quiet and unchanged until Friday, when the high grades were advanced 1-16c, being in demand and comparatively scarce. To-day there was no decided change, but holders were firmer.

THE DEER MOUNTAIN (Lows). The Weekly Tribune says: "Mr. H. Harrisburg, Pa., journal mentions that 'A. D. Benning, No. 4 Market Square, that city, was cured by St. Jacobs Oil of a violent attack of rheumatism.'"

Cotton. Wall Street Cor. Baltimore Sun. New York, Nov. 12.—Cotton was booming to-day. Liverpool coming over 2-32d, higher on the late months and the shorts making haste to recover. The six million crop bluffers on the exchange were tested by Addison Cammack, the well known Wall Street broker, and formerly in the cotton trade at New Orleans, who authorized ten lots of \$1,000 each, that the crop would not reach "six." No one was found to take a single bet. The takings of the English and continental spinners last month were 489,000 bales of 400 pounds each, against 400,000 in October, 1880, while the consumption was 512,000, against 481,000. The English and continental stocks, November 1 were 223,000 bales, against 53,000 last year. Market steady.

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The superiority of BURNETT'S FLAVORING EXTRACTS consists in their perfect purity and great strength.

Raleigh News-Observer. Col. H. C. Jones informs us that the people of Charlotte are pleased at the sale of the Central Railroad to the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad. Much cotton land has been sown down in wheat, and we are informed that much of the grain is above ground and looking finely. The stand is good in most cases. The good weather has been utilized and wheat was sown up to last Saturday. Two syndicates to buy the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad, running from Fayetteville to Greensboro, and to be extended to Wilmington and Mt. Airy, are expected to make bids this week. The understanding is that the road is to be run northwards towards the Ohio River.

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