

DR. MITCHELL'S SECOND LETTER.

To Hon. Thomas L. Clingman: DEAR SIR—It will be long before the mountains of North Carolina will be fully explored, and their mineral contents ascertained.

The weather, the grains fall out and may be collected in considerable quantities, but few that I have seen were larger than a pea.

The three principal kinds of these rocks, Granite, Gneiss, and Mica Slate, are so intermingled and associated that it will be a work of much labor to ascertain the different fields of each.

Gold, as is well known, is obtained in considerable quantities on the head waters of the Savannah River, on the south side of Blue Ridge, but within the limits of North Carolina.

Zirconite, in fine, large crystals, is found in Henderson, on the road from Flat Rock to Green River, and I notice it chiefly with reference to the history of its discovery.

From some unknown cause the iron made at Cranberry Works, in the northern part of Yancy, is, as I am assured by people who have used it, of an excellent quality—hard and tough.

I have visited no other ore bed, and do not believe that iron is abundant in this region, but I may be mistaken.

Chromite—This is valuable only for the Chromium it contains. It occurs in small grains disseminated through the mass of Serpentine near Toe River, on the lands of the Messrs. Young, in Yancy county.

1. The Pilot, an outline from the main range of mountains, is a gem in its place and of its kind, but in passing it on his return, after having been among the giants of the west, one feels a strong inclination to lift his foot and kick it over into the Yackin.

2. I do not believe there is any town in the United States that will compare, for the beauty and grandeur of the views around it, with Morganton, in Burke county.

3. The late Judge Gaston is said to have been greatly affected when, riding from Marion to the Turkey Cove, he came to where he first had a full and good view of the cliffs and rugged sides of Linville.

4. The Road to Burnsville ascends the mountains by a long spur of the Blue Ridge—and what a ridge it is along that spur!

5. The ascent of the mountains by the Hickory Nut Gap has been much admired, and with reason. There is a small stream, which, pouring over the brow of the mountain, falls I know not how many feet.

6. The road by Howard's Gap affords a fine view of Tryon, Crowder's, King's, the Saluda, and Hogback mountains, and of a broad expanse of comparatively level country towards the south-east.

7. The hill above the Swannano, two and a half miles from Asheville, on the road to the Flat Rock, affords one of the finest views in the mountains.

8. If one wishes to make a romantic excursion through the mountains, let him turn up the Tuckasee at the ford on the road to Franklin.

And in the visions of romantic youth What years of endless bliss are yet to flow! But mortal pleasure, what art thou in sooth? The torrent's smoothness, ere it dask below.

Following the stream, we pass a "harricane," some quarter of a mile in breadth, which we satisfy the most sceptical as to what the power of the wind is when the utmost strength is exerted.

The scenery here is a good deal as though the Pilot and the precipitous cliffs of the Hickory Nut had come on a visit to the top of the mountain.

will it hold? I fear not—but that this will be the Chimney Top to the end of time. This region is too remote to be often visited by the inhabitants of the North, it belongs rather to those of South Carolina, and these last have been there.

For the illustration of our revolutionary history, there is wanted a view to be engraved and handed down as an authentic memorial to future times of some scenes in the woods of Macon county, such as they now are.

But little has yet been done in the remote west to heighten and improve the beauties of nature, and though good taste and judgment have been displayed in the selection of the sites for Court-houses and the villages connected with them, this is the utmost extent to which our commendations can be carried.

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Washington, March 15, 1845. Mr. Buchanan has already proved himself unequal to, and too timid for, his responsible station. In a word, he "let down" in his maiden despatch to the Senate—lost—like, hid his head in the sand, and thought his whole body excluded from view!

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NOTICE. TAKE NOTICE, that some time in the year 1838, the said Collier & Gunter conveyed to the undersigned, as Trustees, a variety of property for the benefit of their Creditors.

WATCHES, WATCHES AND JEWELRY! Watches! The largest and most splendid assortment of Watches in the City, is to be found at the Subscriber's, as he is constantly receiving all descriptions of Gold and Silver Watches.

Valuable Property for Sale, IN THE CITY OF RALEIGH. WILL be sold positively without reserve, on Tuesday, the 1st of April next, the 2nd day of the Superior Court.

Sheriff's Sale. THE following Tracts of Land, and City Lots, will be offered at Public Auction, on Monday, the 31st of April next, at the Court House door, in the City of Raleigh.

Important to Southern and Western Merchants. THE Subscriber, Wholesale Grocer and Commission Merchant of the City of New York, having on hand a large and well assorted stock of Goods.

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