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DEVELOP YOUR MINERALS.

It seems to be a matter of surprise to some of our people that capitalists do not come into our country, build railroads and utilize the splendid water power and the fine timber that runs the banks of our streams and cover the hills in converting into iron the magnificent iron ores known (by some of our people) to abound here, but if we look at it as it is there is no cause for surprise, for while we know that at more than one dozen mines within five miles or less of our court house, there are veins of the very finest magnetic iron ore from three feet to fifteen feet thick, and it is believed that these beds of iron are under the every foot of the surface for several miles square, yet there has been no work done in any of these mines since the war, the old works are filled with water or the sides have crumbled and fallen in, so that to day there cannot be shown a vein three feet thick of really first-rate ore. Our object in writing this is to induce the owners of these mines and iron lands to open their mines that capitalists may see for themselves. When this is done, when men with money can see these heavy deposits of iron, test its quality so as to make calculations with certainty as to the cost of mining, and the nature of the iron that it will make; then they will be willing to invest their money in building railroads, erecting furnaces, &c. But so long as we wait for strangers to come in and develop our hidden wealth that we may reap the profits, so long will we be in the back ground, and our hidden treasures will remain worthless to us, as they have lain for all the past generations.

What we would say to the people of Stokes, is for every man having iron coal, lime, mica, asbestos, lead, copper and other minerals on their lands, is to uncover them so that capitalists may see what they are investing their money in, and win in less than ten years from to day we will not only have all the railroads that we need, but Stokes will rank among the very wealthiest counties in the State.

The constitutional limit of the session of the General Assembly, has about expired and much of the public business is untransacted. In consequence of this state of things a resolution was passed in the House last night extending the session to Monday the 14th inst. We are hopeful that a proposition will be submitted to the people to amend the constitution in this particular. Our State is getting too thickly inhabited and our varied interests too large to be rightly run over. There can be no better precedent for the extension of time than can be afforded by the present Legislature. Although all must admit, that both Houses have worked hard, and without any unnecessary delay, yet it now becomes necessary to prolong the session for the purpose of winding up the business.

We do not think that the people should require their Representatives to attend to their business in Raleigh for nothing. Under the present system, there are some members of the Legislature who cannot afford to remain over the allotted time, and for them to absent themselves might operate against the interests of their constituents. We think there is a bill already introduced proposing an amendment to the constitution in respect to the sessions of the General Assembly, and we think the public interests would be subserved by taking some steps in the premises - Evening Visitor.

[We believe that the people will favor a longer session of the Legislature, provided it only meets once in four or six years.]

One of the most important bills yet passed the House is that some time ago introduced by Col. Tate, the able representative from Burke. Its object is to give full and perfect protection to laborers and workmen employed on railroads, and it provides that all such laborers and workmen shall have a lien on the property of the company superior to any mortgage heretofore made. The same priority is also given to a passenger, who, having been injured, recovers a judgment against a company where property is mortgaged. The act only applies to mortgages heretofore made. - Raleigh News Observer.

The bill creating the new county of Vance passed its third and final reading in the House yesterday by a vote of 52 to 34, and now becomes a law. Vance now takes its place among the galaxy of counties of North Carolina. This makes sixty-six counties in the State. But what makes the number one hundred and then put the air brakes on the establishment of any more counties.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Agricultural Experiment Station - Bulletin No. 2.

February 26, 1881.

To calculate the value of a fertilizer by use of the Station figures: Multiply the percentage of available phosphoric acid found by analysis by 12 1/2. This gives the value in cents of the available phosphoric acid found in a 100 pounds. Just so multiply the percentage of ammonia by 18.9 and of potash by 8 and add these products together. The sum is the value of these constituents in a 100 pounds. Multiply this by 20 and you have the commercial value of the active ingredients in a ton of 2,000 lbs. This is a fair approximation to the value of the article commercially at the present time, and the figures thus obtained afford an adequate means of comparing different fertilizers.

The following analyses of fertilizers have been completed at the Station:

Stone acid phosphate, manufactured by the Stone Phosphate Co., Charleston, S. C., sampled at Fayetteville, February 7th, 1881, cash price per ton - potash 13.85, sand 9.67, available phosphoric acid 10.41, insoluble phosphoric acid 3.53, potash 0.82 per cent. Commercial value per ton (2,000 lbs) \$27.33

Long prepared chemicals, manufactured by Long & Dagdale, Baltimore, sampled at Fayetteville, February 7th, 1881, contains water 17.58, sand 23, available phosphoric acid 11.58, insoluble phosphoric acid 2.37, potash 1.06 per cent. Commercial value per ton (2,000 lbs) \$30.64.

Pine Island ammoniated phosphate, manufactured by Quinnipiac Fertilizer Co., New London, Conn., sampled at Raleigh, cash price per ton \$40.00, contains water 19.85, sand 2.23, available phosphoric acid 11.69, insoluble phosphoric acid 2.03, ammonia 2.49, potash 1.69 per cent. Commercial value per ton (2,000 lbs) \$41.34.

Lister's ammoniated dissolved bone, manufactured by Lister Bros., Newark, New Jersey, sampled at Raleigh, January 27th, 1881, cash price per ton \$40.00, contains water 18.08, sand 2.75, available phosphoric acid 9.29, insoluble phosphoric acid 2.68, ammonia 2.21, potash 1.15 per cent. Commercial value per ton (2,000 lbs) \$33.48.

Samples are analyzed in the order in which they happen to come in. Other analyses will follow rapidly.

CHARLES W. DANNEY, JR., Director.

A Suicidal Measure.

We learn by telegraph from Raleigh that the railroad bill now before the Legislature appoints three commissioners with full power to regulate freight and passenger traffic, to examine the books and papers of railroad companies and to exercise a general supervision over their business. Everything is left to the discretion of these commissioners, and from their decision there can be no appeal. We cannot conceive of a more deadly blow to the prosperity of North Carolina than the passage of this bill would inflict. The commission provided for would have more power than is now possessed by all the courts of the State combined. It can render almost valueless all our railroad property and kill every new railroad enterprise that has been recently started. We cannot believe that the Legislature is so blind to justice and reason as to enact such a law as this. The gentlemen who compose that body will surely be guided by common sense in considering this important question. Instead of crippling railroad enterprise let them offer every possible inducement for the construction of new lines. In competition will be found the cure for all the ills that now exist.

Who will invest another dollar in any railroad in North Carolina if three men are invested with the power to take charge of these great arteries of commerce and manage them as may suit their whim?

Pause, gentlemen of the Legislature, and reflect soberly and discreetly over this question. Do not yield to clamor. Do not strike the Old State a blow from which she may never recover. - Wilmington Star.

THE IRON OF STOKES - There is a portion of Stokes county which is rich in magnetic iron ore, which is free from phosphorus. The Baltimore Sun says, in view of the transportation facilities that will be offered by railroads at no distant day, it is proposed to organize a company that may obtain control of all the iron lands in that county, which extend on Dan River for six miles to a north-westerly direction from Danbury. The iron lands of North Carolina are attracting a great deal of attention at the present time. - Danville Times.

The Warrenton Gazette says: "Col. Cheek received a few days since from the fish commissioner a number of German carp. This fish flourishes in ponds, and is the very thing for our wild pond owners. They grow to two feet in length in two years, and frequently weigh from ten to twenty pounds."

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