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THE POSSIBILITIES OF STOKES COUNTY, HER MINERALS, TIMBER, ETC.

There is hardly a section in the south combining so many natural advantages for manufacturing, especially for manufacturing iron of a high grade as the scope of country just around Danbury with more than fifty mines of magnetic iron ore in an area of less than five miles square, coal but ten miles away, lime on every side, manganese one and 6 miles from the iron, fire clay one to two miles, good stone for furnace hearths near by while the hills and valleys are covered with the finest oak, hickory, beech, and other timbers for charcoal and mechanical purposes and asbestos, graphite, flexible sandstone and many other minerals posessing more or less commercial value are found at many places in the county all convenient to streams which furnish magnificent water power Then considering the mild healthfulness of the climate the ground is rarely covered with snow three days together, and but few days in Summer does the mercury reach the nineties. Danbury is in the very midst of a score or more mineral springs surrounded by grand scenery and fanned by pure mountain breezes all combining to make this one of the healthiest sections in the United States Considering these and other advantages who will say that the possibilities of Stokes are not very great. For the farmer the soil is productive, there is but comparatively little land if properly cultivated before it is worn out but will produce good heavy tobacco; the grapes and nearly all the grains do well here when properly cultivated.

DON'T DO IT.

Nearly every farmer you talk with these days says he is going to spread himself on a tobacco crop next year. For your good and the good of the country, we say don't do it. Remember that big crop of tobacco and having everything else to buy brought starvation almost to the very doors of many of our people during the last three or four years, almost bankrupting the country. Don't forget a big crop of tobacco means low prices for the tobacco and high prices for bread, do not plant just what corn you think will do you if the season is good, it may be dry or wet, and you will not make half enough; plant plenty of corn and other things to do your family and then make all the tobacco you can work and handle nicely; it will bring more money than a large crop badly managed, and if you make all you need at home when you sell your tobacco the money will be yours. It is much better to get $500 for 1000 pounds of tobacco than $100 for 5000 pounds.

Some "would be somebody" has has made the assertion that iron ore does not exist in quantities east of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Such talk is an absurd theory, nonsense. Iron has been mined in the section just North of Danbury for a number of bloomeries and two furnaces for near one hundred years and now a number of regular fissure veins, real solid ledges or walls of good magnetic ore five to eight feet thick can be shown at a number of places and old miners say that in the old works veins at more than one place fifteen feet thick only forty or sixty feet from the surface have been abandoned simply because they could get the ore required easier at some other place near by.

If we must have revenue to run the government (and all know we must) let's raise it by a fair impartial tariff which bears alike and equally upon our fifty millions of people, and not by the Infernal Revenue system, which oppresses the few to support the many. Away with the Internal Revenue system and give us a tariff for our expenses.

JUDGE BOND AND VIRGINIA.

Old Virginia is having an abundance of good luck in 1887. First, Mahone was sat down upon in the recent State election, thus wresting the State from the grasp of perhaps the most vindictive, selfish and detestable political trickster that ever disgraced the commonwealth, and now the Supreme Court of the United States has made Judge Bond too flat and thin for any use, as will be seen in the news from Washington which we print elsewhere. It is perhaps needless to say that if Mahone was dead as the result of the late election, he is now decently buried in the reversal of Judge Bond's decision. We congratulate the good old commonwealth on this very important legal decision. Let them light their Bond-fires and rejoice and thank God for their deliverance.—*Workman.*

FRIENDS IN NEED.

Although boys are often rather hard in their treatment of each other, they certainly stick together when one of their party is in trouble. There are hundreds of instances of this, but a most amusing one occurred while Dr. Vaughn was head master of Harrow School in England. He was returning late one evening from a dinner party, when he caught sight of one of his pupils who was taking a walk when he ought to have been in bed. The moment the boy saw Dr. Vaughn he ran for his life. Off started the master in hot pursuit, and he just succeeded in seizing his pupil by the coat-tail. After a good many struggles the boy escaped, but he left part of his coat-tail in the doctor's hands. The master made sure he would find the culprit the next morning by his coat, but when he entered school every boy in the sixth form had only one tail to his coat; so the offender escaped punishment.—Selected.

OF COURSE GIVE HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.

Those who come now and try to persuade the President that last Tuesday's New York victory was due simply to him and has secured the State to him next year beyond any doubt, are not his true friends nor are they honest honest Democrats. Why are they ashamed to acknowledge that but for the popularity of a German brewer (Cook elected Sec. of State) and the stupidity of the New York Republicans in running after prohibition, the result last Tuesday (victory for the Democrats) would have been exceedingly doubtful? Why not credit that victory to its true cause, to wit, the power of the old Democratic Anti-sumptuary Plank?—Washington *Sentinel.* (Liq. Dem.)

STATE NEWS.

Durham *Recorder:* Ike Gradwell and Louis Silverstein cought an owl on the Norwood corner Wednesday that measured 35 inches from tip to tip.

Marion *Bugle:* We learn Prof. G. W. Bird that the Catawba Land Agency has sold over three hundred lots at Nebo. According to mays exhibited to us a large town is laid off there. Nebo is a beautiful place and we would be glad to see abooming town boom up there.

Smithfield *Herald:* There is a married woman living in Ingram's township whose husband boasts of her splitting 200 fence rails per day as regular work. He also says that it is only a common thing for her to dip seven barrels of turpentine per day and that proof, if necessary, can be had of these facts.

Winnton *Daily:* A Raleigh telegram says the health of Thos. J. Jarvis is not good in Brazil and that he is expected home next summer after the Democratic State Convention has been held. No concealment is now made of the fact that he will contest with Gen. Ransom for the Senatorship next winter.

Norfolk *Virginian:* At the Weldon fair, in referring to the commission appointed to settle the boundary line between North Carolina and Virginia, Gov. Lee said that owing to the fraternal relations existsng between the two States, to draw a line between them would be an almost fruitless task—in other words they needed no dividing line. That was good preaching.

Hillsboro *Recorder:* A colored man fishing in the Eno river, near this place last Friday, caught a large turtle, and while trying to take the hook from its mouth his right forefinger was caught by the turtle. The negro tried every means of beating and pursuasion, but the turtle was obdurate. No release could be had. At length the negro cut the head off which only increased the turtle's fury and grip. He was told by a companion that the turtle would never let go until it thundered, so he quietly sat down on a stump on the bank of the river waiting for it to thunder. The last we heard of him he was nursing the turtle's head waiting for thunder.

Raleigh *Progressive Farmer:* North Carolina will stand close to the front ranks; she is fourth in number in railroad construction in the Southern States, for the year 1887. One hundred and forty-seven miles have been built during the year.

Charlotte *Chronicle:* Mrs. Sydney Aarmstrong, who lives about 6 miles west of the city, was the victim of a painful and startling experience a few days ago, having been attacked by what the neighbors call a mad cat. Mrs. Armstrong was going through a doorway in her house, when the cat flew at her and fastened its teeth in of her legs. Mrs. Armstrong tried to beat the animal off, but could not succeed. Her screams attracted her husband, who was at work a short distance from the house, and when he arrived he seized the cat around the neck and tried to choke it off, but failed. He then drew his knife and cut the cat's throat before it could be made to release its savage hold. Mrs. Armstrong's flesh was powerfully lacerated.

Miss Willard, the celebrated temperance lecturer and organizer, is in favor of abolishing the Internal Revevue. In a recent speech before th W. C. T. U., she said: "I hope we shall distinctly declare ourselves in favor of removing Internal Revenue tax from all intoxicating liquors. It is a covenant with hell and a compact with damnation. To-day it stands as the strongest bulwork between the liquor traffic annihilation. We want no monopolies in sin—least of all that the National Government should be the largest stockholder, getting ninety cents on every gallon of whiskey, and ninety-three cents in round numbers on every keg of beer. The amount of tax is about equal to the annual surplus in the United States treasury. Let both be wiped out together. I hope this may be one of our compaign battle-cries: 'Down with the tax that ties the nation tight to the vampire that is sucking out its blood.'"

BRIEFS OF GENERAL NEWS.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7th.

The President's annual message to the Congress was laid before that body yesterday, and was presented in full in our exchanges thas morning; it is devoted entirely to a discussion of the revenue question, which he holds is the absorbing one of the day, and a sweeping reduction in the tariff customs is ably argued.

No business was done in either house of Congress yesterday, other than the reception of the President's message.

In a revenue raid in Alabama, George Kirk, a notorious moonshiner, was killed he was an escaped convict from the Georgia penitentiary.

It is expected that M. Goblet will be Prime Minister in the French Cabinet.

In the Chicago market yesterday there was a bullish feeling in wheat and corn, while provisions were quiet and steady.

The New York cotton market was more or less depressed yesterday by *Bradstreet's* estimate of the cotton crop, 6,480,000 bales, which is in excess of previous rumors.

A white man charged with circulating notes of a defunct bank wase arrested in Danville, Va., yesterday.

The wet-cotton fight in Savannah, between the underwriters and two British ships, has been adjusted on terms which the first named party desired to obtain.

The President yesterday sent to the Senate the nomination of Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and also the nominations of several Cabinet officers and assistants.

Lord Mayor Sullivan, of Dublin, has been carried to Tullamore jail to prevent the daily levees which he was holding in the Dublin jail.

Two children, aged eight and ten, were burned to death in a Minnesota village Monday night, and the father and mother narrowly escaped with their lives, by the burning of the family residence.

In Georgia, yesterday, four men were killed outright and four others seriously injured by the collapse of a water tower, and by the explosion of a boiler three negroes were killed.

The british steamship Kimberly is ashore off Cape Henry, and she will probably soon break up; she was abandoned by her crew on Monday.

An escaped penitentiary convict from Georgia was recently married to a young lady in Misissippi; he was renognized and arrested yesterday, and will be carried back to prison.

Measures have been adopted in Paris to prevent an outbreak following the election of a new President.

NOTICE.

Having obtained a decree from the Probate Judge of Stokes County to sell the land belonging to the estate of James Hall, sen., deceased, to raise assets to pay debts, I will sell to the highest biddee, for cash, on Friday the 10th day of December 1887, at the late residence of the said James Hall, Sen. 132 acres of land, subject to the widows dower, lying on the waters of Peters Creek, in Stokes County.

THOS. MARTIN,
Admintstrator.

Land Sale.

By virtue of an order made by N. O. Petree, Clerk of the Superior Court of Stokes county, I will as Administrator of Brazilious Westmoreland, deceased, sell upon the premises on the third day of January, 1888, a track of land lying and be ng in the county of Stokes, adjoining the lands of John Davis, Reuben East and others. containing one hundred acres more or less, being the tract of land wherson the said Brazilious Westmoreland lived at the time of his death, being the homestead place. Said land to be sold to the highest bidder for cash.

A. G. JONES,
Nov. 29th 1887. Adm'r.