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BIG GOLD MINING.

Operations on a Large Scale in Burke County. (Special Correspondence.)

Brindletown, N. C., Aug. 25, 1909.—Brindletown people are very much pleased at the way matters are shaping themselves in mining ways and look forward to a period of prosperity. Messrs. Allen and Little have sub-leased a large section of the Mills property located on Pilot mountain to a company of Pittsburg people who have formed the Pilot Mountain Mining Co., and are already installing the necessary machinery. When their plant is completed they will have a 180 H. P. battery of boilers, a 140 H. P. engine, hydraulic lifts and a centrifugal pump. They will take water from Muddy Creek and use hydraulic power for getting out the gold, and the pump they will use is powerful enough to put a stream of water up over the top of Pilot mountain. The hydraulic lift will be used for putting the tailings into reservoirs or hollows on the Mills property, and thus keep them out of Muddy Creek. They will employ forty hands and work night and day in three shifts of eight hours each.

Allen and Little will soon begin work on the Denton mine, and will put in a boiler and pump for operating the hydraulic stream and centrifugal pump for pumping tailings into suitable places in order to keep them out of Muddy Creek.

W. H. Allen personally is beginning mining just back of Walker's store. He will bring water through 1,000 feet of piping under a head of 65 feet for hydraulic mining, and use the 65 H. P. boiler, 60 H. P. engine and 60 H. P. pump that he has used heretofore for mining purposes for pumping tailings into reservoirs and keeping them out of the streams.

From now on all the mining companies operating in Brindletown will keep the tailing out of the streams as they have found by experience that by sending tailings down a stream they block themselves and are unable to mine as deep as they want to. They will also, as far as possible, by means of brush dams and other ways filter the water so that when it escapes into the streams it will be muddy colored only. The land owners along Silver Creek, becoming alarmed at the rise of a foot in the bottom of Silver Creek and laying this all to the mining carried on in Brindletown, and not taking into account the effects of the rains for the past two years, and having been beaten in their efforts to have the Legislature delare the running tailings into streams a misdemeanor, have now taken the matter into courts, and through T. Y. Biggerstaff, of McDowell county, have alleged damages and procured a temporary injunction which will soon be served on the defendants. They have made Allen and Little, both individually and as partners, defendants and have joined with them as many others as they could find, including some of the Pittsburg people who are not on Silver Creek at all. Law suits are expensive any way you put it, and whether the farmers win or lose, they will have a heavy bill to pay, and they might better use that money in clearing some of the logs and sunken scows out of the creek, and so increasing its current. But if they want the fun of a law suit they can have it, as this is a free country. Messrs. Allen and Little are not losing any sleep over the matter, although they prefer peace to law suits; especially in view of the expense they are going to from now on to keep the

Can You Pronounce?

There lived a man in Mexico,
Who all his life did battle
To rightly spell such easy words
As Nabautlacatl.

He wrote the names of all the towns—
It took of ink a bottle,
But could not spell Tenochtitlan,
Nor plain Tlacaecotl.

He went to spelling school each day,
And, though a man of mettle,
He could not conquer Topiltzin,
Nor Huitzilopochtli.

He dwelt some time in Yucatan,
And there, at Tzompantilli,
He learned to spell one little word;
'Twas Zihuhonopilli.

The joy of spelling just one word
Did all his mind unsettle;
But, spelling still, he failed at last
On Popocatepetl.

tailings out of the streams. Regarding the dredging and muddying of Silver Creeks, Messrs. Allen and Little have secured options on the necessary land for from seven to nine miles along each creek, and are now waiting for the New York people to take up the option they have on this proposition. Their option has not long to run, and it will not effect the matter injuriously if they fail to complete the matter as the Pittsburg people will take up the matter and carry it through if the New York crowd fall down and allow their option to lapse. It would be a good thing for land owners on those two streams if this deal is put through as they will not only receive a very good price for their lands, but will also have the privilege of furnishing at least 12,000 cords of wood a year to run the dredges by, in addition to other stores. All in all those mining matters stand to put a good many dollars into the pockets of Burke county men in the next few years. Optimist.

Drunkenness.

No good reason can be given to regret that we have no lawful inducement to drunkenness now in our part of the land. A doctor whose business it was recently studied conditions among the children of the city of New York. He declared that the greatest sufferers because of drunkenness are the children of drinking parents. Of these there are very many. Women as well men drink, which increase the evil. Seventy-one per cent of the children of drinking parents are afflicted with functional, organic disorders, which are inherited from their parents. This means that children of besotted parents usually suffer degeneracy and mental deficiency, with damage in body, mind and estate.

Here, as in New York, we are morally, physically and industrially lower than we might be because of strong drink, and also because of tobacco, opium, cocaine and other drugs. In actual results the abuses of these things are worse than war and pestilence. Prohibition of them all is a right, for it is the right of a people, of a state, to prohibit for self preservation. There is no right to personal liberty when a person, by abuse of that liberty, harms another person or society. If the rotting potato be separated from the rest the loss will be less. Let each one of us who suffers from an appetite for one of these destructive things remember what is better, "If thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out."

People who feel sure of their ability usually make the least display of it.

The more money a woman has the more red hair she can have without people calling it by that name.

COTTON IN THIS STATE.

How the Output of the Produce Could be Doubled.

There are 14 counties in North Carolina that raise over 15,000 bales of cotton, eight that raise 10,000 to 15,000 bales, 15 that raise 5,000 to 10,000 bales, and 31 that raise less than 5,000 bales. The biggest cotton raising counties are Cleveland, Mecklenburg, Union, Anson, Scotland, Robeson, Wake, Johnston, Wayne, Wilson, Nash, Halifax, Edgecombe and Pitt. Robeson is the champion producer, as it raised last year 51,445 bales, against 34,638 for Johnston, the second largest producer. Mecklenburg is third, with 32,415. Area compared, however, the little county of Scotland beats the State. On the map it looks like a mere township, yet last year it raised 25,995 bales. Gaston, the greatest cotton mill county in the State, lying between Cleveland and Mecklenburg, two over-15,000-bale counties, raised only 12,829 bales. Catawba is an under-10,000-bale county, but the farmers there pay more attention to wheat and sweet potatoes than they do to cotton. That the cotton area of North Carolina is not nearly developed is evidenced by the fact that less than 5,000 bales are raised in Bladen, Columbus and Pender, three of the finest cotton counties in the State and each capable of producing from 30,000 to 40,000 bales. Richmond, Cumberland and Sampson could easily be brought into the 35,000-bale class, while Rowan, Cabarrus and Stanley could be brought up to 20,000 or 25,000. The State in 1908 produced 683,628, counting round as half-bales against 749,712 bales in 1904. This State could easily grow over a million bales should the necessity for it arise.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Your Teacher Can Teach Agriculture.

"One of the greatest obstacles to agricultural teaching in our country schools is the diffidence of the teacher, who because she has not herself been taught agriculture, thinks that she cannot teach it to others. She can teach agriculture successfully, as I have seen demonstrated in many instances; and I believe that I have frequently led them to do so in my teachers' institute and summer school work, by calling their attention to the fact that to teach some agriculture, they need not know all agriculture, and that if they can teach to their pupils a few facts or principles, that they do not already know, that it matters not if the pupil knows a few kinks and turns about handling a plow or a mule that the teacher does not know.

"I wonder, as a matter of fact, if our teachers who have conscientiously and thoughtfully studied a good text-book, do not know as large a per cent of the knowable, teachable, agriculture as that same teacher knows of the knowable, teachable history which she thinks herself amply able to teach?"—Dr. F. L. Stevens, in Raleigh (N. C.) Progressive Farmer.

Snake Found in an Apple.

We have heard it stated that it is not an uncommon thing to find snakes taking refuge in a cabbage head. Stories are related of persons who upon cutting them found a small green snake coiled up within. Our townsman, Mr. T. H. Pegrarn furnishes the facts for a new chapter to the volume of snake stories. The other day there was picked up an apple on his premises, in which there was a small round hole as if made by a worm. Upon cutting the apple there was a green snake about 8-inches long, cozily coiled within the apple. The snake is of an exceedingly poisonous variety and the fact that the reptile is seeking a home in the apple makes it necessary that care be exercised in handling apples.—Mcresville Enterprise.

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