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The original Scuppernon grape vine covered about five acres of land. It was on Roanoke Island in Eastern North Carolina and was owned by a man named Chauncey Meekins.

The latest folly of our Anglo-maniac dudes is an attempt to make a celebration of the Queen's Jubilee in New York. The Queen is a very respectable lady, and in her fifty years of reign has never done anything particularly reprehensible except to furnish a very large number of expensive sons and daughters for the overburdened taxpayers to support, but what business this jubilee celebration is to us passes knowledge. If these poor un-Americans of ours must have a celebration, however, we suggest that they get Henry James to deliver an oration and Rollin M. Squire to write an ode.

The editor of the *Merrimack Journal*, Franklin Falls, N. H., after quoting an item of news from the PINE KNOT relative to Mr. David B. Thurston and his son, formerly of that place, now of Southern Pines, goes on to say,

"The editor of PINE KNOT, Mr. B. A. Goodridge, went from our neighboring town of Tilton to North Carolina, and the climate there has had such a beneficial effect upon him that a whole tribe of Ogalalla Sioux could not club him back here. He writes us glowing accounts of the blessings to be derived from a residence there and has almost tempted us to leave this bleak, windy and dusty portion of the hemisphere, and go South. The fact that we might have to submit to the extortions and insults of the American Express Company and its cheap agents deters us."

You're right, brother Collins, save in the unimportant statement that we came from Tilton to North Carolina. We came here from Massachusetts, but we spent several years in Tilton, and very pleasant ones they were too. Its a great pleasure to read the *Journal*, for it has something to say about so many people that we once knew. If you'll come down here and publish as good a paper we'll make room for you. You'd better come before it gets lonesome up in New Hampshire.

We received not long since an offer of advertising from a matrimonial correspondence bureau in Michigan. We hope it is needless for us to say to those who know the character of the PINE KNOT that we refused it. We would as soon advertise lotteries, dram shops and gambling hells. We have no words to express our contempt for the managers of these correspondence bureaus, matrimonial newspapers, &c.

Such schemes should be indictable in any state in the Union. The following from a western exchange gives a pretty good idea of what sort of prizes may be drawn in these matrimonial lotteries:

The *Morning Sun Herald*, speaking of advertisements in matrimonial journals, says: "Louisa county has had occasionally some silly girl who has fallen dead in love with some total stranger. At Columbus City there is a young girl who answered such an advertisement a year or so ago, to a man in Medicine Lodge, Kansas. The man proved to be a city water hauler, and had an Indian squaw for a wife and four dirty half-breed children. If there is a more dangerous institution which is allowed the freedom of the United States mails than these matrimonial journals, we don't know what it is. Sample copies are sent promiscuously into the best homes and families in the land and are placed in the hands of the most promising daughters."

**THE IRON REGION OF STOKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.**

A few words on the iron deposits of this county seem to us in place now that the C. F. & Y. V. railroad has penetrated across it.

The iron ore belt of Stokes county lies on the north side of Dan river, beginning about two miles from Danbury and extending for some six miles or more in a northwesterly direction. There are also some isolated deposits in other parts of the county, mostly in the southwestern part. The kind of ore may be described in general terms as magnetite (magnetic iron ore), granular ore of very coarse grain with sometimes a small admixture of hematite. The ore of this range occurs for the most part in a group of parallel beds, in a dark to greenish-black mica and horn-blend gneiss.

Medium size blast furnaces are possible in a country still covered with a dense forestal growth, where water-power is to be had upon every creek as well as on Dan river, where rock for building purposes can be obtained everywhere and limestone for flux is ready to hand, and labor can be got at low rates. It would be better policy to bring the ore to the state of nature on the ground, in the shape of pig metal and blooms than to ship the raw material—so as to give the country the benefit to be derived from the introduction of iron making. Ore from many of the deposits was worked in bloomeries from 1780 till 1870.

If a full report on this range of iron ore was prepared and published, such as that prepared fifteen years ago by Dr. Lesley on the Guilford iron ore belt in the interest of the N. C. Centre Iron and Mining Company of Pennsylvania capitalists, capital would not be long in finding a way to invest it and in producing the necessary transportation for utilizing the resources of this county.—*Danbury Reporter and Post*.