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Acres Of Diamonds Right Here In Old Pasquotank

Not Actual Jewels but Something Better, Says Geological Survey—Rich Deposits of Fertilizer Right Under Noses of Farmers Buying Commercial Stuff

The Pasquotank farmer hasn't a thing on the man in Russell H. Conwells' lecture who wandered all over the earth seeking diamonds only to find upon the return from his bootless quest ready to die that there were acres of diamonds at his own doorstep, according to a recent statement of North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey. This statement sets forth that Pasquotank farmers are importing fertilizers in large quantities at fancy prices while rich deposits of fertilizer almost under their noses to be had literally dirt cheap are going to waste.

"Importing common dirt to put on ordinary land to make it rich, and paying therefore a heavy price including labor, manufacturing costs and freight charges," the statement says, "looks as strange an act as it would be for coal pits to buy fuel from abroad.

"Yet it is a fact, little understood, that this is precisely what is being done every time a Pasquotank farmer purchases a bag of commercial fertilizer.

"In commercial fertilizer such as is used throughout the South, there is a content that weighs 200 pounds. Taking as the standard what is known as "8-3-3" this weight is distributed roughly as follows: phosphates, 16 pounds; nitrates, three pounds; potash, three pounds—or a total of 28 pounds of material entering into plant life—and 172 pounds of dirt.

"For the bag of fertilizer the farmer pays from $27 to $30 a ton, or, in round figures, one and a half cents a pound.

"Eliminating the dirt, which has no value as an agricultural nutritive, it is found that for the part of the fertilizer content that is of real use to the land, he is paying at a rate of about ten cents a pound.

"The dirt with which the fertilizer is mixed may be sand or other substance. It is necessary as a 'filler' to carry the fertilizing material. It is an essential part of the manufacture, and it must be paid for. But, as fertilizer, it is worse than useless—just dirt.

Our Unused Peat

"This economic wastage would be better understandable if it were not for the fact that literally hundreds of thousands of acres of lands in Eastern North Carolina are composed of peat formations—the peat in which could not only be used in place of the 'filler' of dirt, but as itself a fertilizer of high value. For peat not only contains nitrates but acids and the organic matter which is known as the 'humus' upon which plant life in general calls constantly for its natural growth and vigor.

"The term 'peat' is used to describe the partly carbonized organic residium which occurs by the arrest of the decomposition of roots, trunks of trees, twigs, seed, shrubs, mosses and other vegetable remains which have been covered by or saturated with water. Its vegetable structure is generally visible to the naked eye and it contains a large part of the carbon of the original vegetable matter.

"The first significance of peat is that of a source of fuel, and as such it has been utilized for centuries in Ireland, Scotland, Rus-

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WORLD BEAN KING ACQUITTED BY JURY

Albion, N. Y., Feb. 14.—Lewis E. Sands, "world bean king," was acquitted today of grand larceny by the jury.

NEW BUDGET SYSTEM PROVIDED IN BILL

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—Bills providing for an executive budget system and semi-annual judicial conferences were introduced today in the House by Representatives Connor of Wilson and Representative Graham of Orange respectively.

The measures follow the Governor's recommendations closely. The judicial conference bill would provide conferences with chief justice presiding to consider court problems and make recommendations for judicial reforms.

The budget bill would place the direct responsibility for the State budget on the Governor, balance the budget and create a commission, replacing the present budget body.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Feb. 14.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 24.55, a decline of 15 points. Futures, closing bid: March 24.28, May 24.50, July 24.85, October 24.75, Dec., 24.77.

New York, Feb. 14.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: March 24.45, May 24.50, July 24.05, Oct. 24.98, Dec 25.02.

TRAGIC DEATHS IN STEIN MINE

Terrible Details of Suffering in Disaster of Wednesday Told in the Berlin Newspapers.

By EDGAR ALLEN MOWRER
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Berlin, Feb. 14.—The terrible details of the suffering of 17 of the miners who were buried and finally died in the disaster at the Stein or "Minister Stein" mine at Dortmund, are given in Friday's editions of the "Rote Fahne."

The explosion occurred at eight o'clock Wednesday evening. Which, towards morning, six survivors were dug out, a piece of paper was found on which was written, "It's 10:30 o'clock, there are 17 men in this group. Two have cashed in. Fifteen are left. (Signed) Karl Gr." and later, "Now it's 11 o'clock. We can do nothing more for ourselves.

The marks on the barrier of earth between them and safety show how the victims fought to free themselves, and the last sentence on the paper, "there are now nine of us," tells a tragic story.

Help came in time to save six miners, of whom one died afterward. Of the six survivors, only one was able to return to his home. The total number of victims is calculated to have been about 130. The "Rote Fahne" calls them "victims of the Dawes Plan" and a communist orator will speak tonight on this somewhat mysterious chain of reasoning.

THREE DEATHS IN RECENT ICE JAMS

Boston, Feb. 14—Three deaths, destruction of bridges and dams, disruption of wire, railroad and highway communication in various sections were listed today among results from floods and ice jams in the last two days throughout New England.

WILMINGTON TRUCK GROWERS ORGANIZE

Wilmington, Feb. 14.—The Wilmington Co-operative Truck Growers' Association, which comprises a large percentage of the local truck growers, has aligned itself with a nation-wide co-operative organization, it is announced. At a recent meeting in Wrightsboro the board of directors authorized the formal signing of a marketing agreement with the Federated Fruit and Vegetable Growers, the contract becoming effective immediately.

The contract, it is said, calls for the distribution and sale by the Federated, of all produce raised by the members of the local organization and turned over to it. They will act as exclusive agents of the growers.

COOPER CASE TO THE JURY TODAY

Wilmington, Feb. 14. The case of former Lieutenant Governor W. B. Cooper and Thomas E. Cooper, charged with violation of the National banking laws in connecting with the failure of the Commercial National Bank, went to the jury at noon today.

Wilmington, Feb. 14. — The Cooper trial is expected to go to the jury today, the arguments of the counsel having been completed yesterday. Judge Rose is to charge the jury at 10:30 this morning.

CONVENTION HERE EARLY IN MARCH

Sunday School Workers of County Will Gather at City Road to Hear Leaders

At the Pasquotank County Sunday School Convention which will be held in the City Road Methodist Church, Elizabeth City, on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 1, 2, and 3, the Sunday school workers of the County will have the opportunity of hearing addresses by three unusually fine Sunday school experts. Leaders in charge of arrangements for the meeting feel that they have been very fortunate in having secured these speakers for the program.

According to announcement made by the County officers, the program will be arranged with the idea of covering practically all departments of Sunday school to get some practical help concerning their specific problems. Several special departmental conferences will be held during the convention.

A prominent place on the program will be given to J. H. Engle, Lansing, Michigan, Executive Secretary Michigan Council of Religious Education.

The other outside speakers will be D. W. Sims, the widely known general superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, and Miss Daisy Magee, Raleigh, children's division superintendent of the same organization. Mr. Sims has attended Sunday school meetings in Elizabeth City several times, and will be remembered by the leaders in Sunday school work. Miss Magee is a specialist in the work with children in the Sunday school. Her addresses will deal in a practical way with the religious education of the children.

ADOPTS BOB CATS AS SPECIAL PETS

New Bern, Feb. 14.—Roy Parker, well known Craven County farmer residing on the Neuse road, has adopted as pets a pair of full grown bob cats. The wild beasts are not as gentle as the domestic or "Lap" variety, but Mr. Parker states that he has hopes that they will eventually become quite friendly. He has had them about three weeks and is now having a large cage built in which to display his "pets."

DISCUSS AIRCRAFT WITH DOORS CLOSED

Washington, Feb. 14. — The House aircraft committee was in executive session today to discuss matters developed at an open hearings into the aircraft controversy. Lieut. Col. W. G. Schauffler told the committee yesterday that Rear Admiral Shoemaker blue pencilled the magazine article describing the 1923 bombing tests until it lost all resemblance to the original statement.

Filmdom's Latest Flapper!

Netta Stiles waited 75 years for the chance to be a regular film flapper, and now she's in Hollywood telling all the folks "sure, it's all in the clothes, and acting young."

Shaft to Collins' "Tomb"

Where mining experts sunk the 60 foot shaft alongside Sand Cave near Cave City, Ky., to reach Floyd Collins, first trapped by a boulder and later entombed by a cave in in the only entrance, a small winding tunnel.

Fame Sand Cave Region Not On Collins Alone

Famous Kentucky "Mountain Dew" Flows Freely and Natives Have Wonderful System of Manufacture and Distribution but They Don't Talk About It

By O. L. SCOTT
(Copyright 1925 by The Advance)

Cave City, Ky., Feb. 13.—That famous old Kentucky "mountain dew," so interwoven with the life of this historic section of the land, now is seen to have played its part in the early days of Floyd Collins' entombment here, just as it continues to have an enviable position as one of the principal products of the hill country round about.

One thing the military court of inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the Sand Cave imprisonment brought out clearly was the effect this spirited Kentucky elixir had on a portion of the rescue crowd that gathered before the militia took control of things at the cave. It brought to light the fact that, despite prohibition, powerful corn liquor has not passed into the realm of things forgotten here in its original home, where revenuers in times gone by used to live a hard life beginning the job of suppression.

As a matter of fact, in the words of one of the well informed men of the district, the slogan of progress back in the hill country appears now to be, "for every still in its still."

"Around these parts, the people continue to have just one locally accepted medicine, good for all ills from discouragement to rheumatism and fever, and that's the 'mountain dew' from the corn patches," said this same man, who is prominent in affairs of the district.

"When these folk heard of the predicament of Floyd Collins, naturally they thought that he would be in need of a stimulent so along came the bottle as they headed for the cave. Along the way they met others headed in the same direction and with the same hospitable Kentucky hospitality, of course, dictated a treat or two, and after 18 or 20 it is no wonder that talk of drinking occurred."

But since the appearance of state troops, there is no doubt that moonshine disappeared from the immediate countryside, just as it had most always been apart from the affairs from the Collins family, designated as one of the "good families" of the neighborhood.

Only as the leading evangelist of this district, who claims 11,000 saved souls as the recompense of his last campaign, said, "Moonshining is a great little business around here."

"There is nothing like it anywhere else. These people have the system. The maker does not haul his liquor, the hauler does not distribute to customers, the distributor does not sell to the public. There is a real division of labor. It's a great little system and it works," the evangelist pastor averred.

This famous Kentucky "mountain dew," reported locally to be widely used over a good part of the country in these dry days, comes from the little corn patches that dot the hill sides, sparkling spring water, corn meal, sugar, a home-made still of Kentucky design, and shortly there is corn likker.

It used to be that the products of the Kentucky hills were aged before going to market, but the heavy demand has cut out this practice. Supplies have increased so much of late, though, that the price at the still is reported to have dropped from $5 a gallon to $3.50. At that price it is said to be profitable to market in ample quantity.

What happens to it after it leaves the stills is a matter of some conjecture. Local advice is that when the leader of moonshine mess no longer is in sight, he as a rule delivers them to Louisville to be colored, bottled and boxed for delivery into the latter class of bootleg trade for distribution over the country as the "real old stuff."

For there is said to be no end to doubt, in the hills of these hills folks say, the best there is in "white mule," corn liquor with a kick. A little tempering and toning and it goes well in the best of the trade.

There is one thing that visitors are asked not to do, however, by those accustomed here. That is to be very circumspect in mentioning moonshine to the hill country natives. They are credited with having a superstition that talk on such a subject may affect business, and right now they are bound up in a good liquor business, if reliable reports are to be trusted.

HOLD WELCOME SERVICE

The First Christian and the Free Will Baptist churches of which Rev. H. T. Dowd and A. H. Outlaw, respectively are pastors will join in a union service at the First Christian church Sunday evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The purpose of this is to welcome Rev. A. H. Outlaw in the community and show a spirit of co-operation between the two churches for the salvation of souls. Mr. Outlaw will preach the sermon. Members of the churches are urged to be present and the public is invited.

FINED FOR ASSAULT

The only case before Trial Justice Sawyer in recorder's court Saturday was that of Caleb McCaffity, colored. He was found guilty of assault on Rose Davis, colored. McCaffity was fined $15 and costs.

TROTSKY SUSPENDED FROM Soviet

Moscow, Feb. 14.—Leon Trotsky has been deprived of his last connection with the Soviet government through being relieved of membership in the council for labor and defense, says an official announcement today.

Guards Cave

Brig. Gen. H. H. Denhardt, lieutenant governor of Kentucky, in charge of the military at Sand Cave during fight to free Floyd Collins from his subterranean prison. Denhardt ordered Johnny Ceralds and Homer Collins, a brother, from the scene.

TWENTY HOURS SAY OFFICIALS

Shaft Will Top Cave Between Collins and Cave in Sunday if No Further Difficulties.

(By The Associated Press)

Cave City, Feb. 14.—Men in the cave passage in which Floyd Collins has been imprisoned for nine days, worked today to reach the boy, as the shaft being sunk toward Floyd Collins while making soundings today.

An official estimate said it will take about twenty hours to reach Collins in approximately a straight line, if no further difficulties developed.

E. H. Carcelds, in charge of the shaft, said top the cave between Collins and the cave in ceiling of the cave kept him.

Cave City, Feb. 14.—A few feet of earth today separated the Sand Cave rescue party from the caverns they believe will lead to Floyd Collins.

The shaft is down over 55 feet and at 60 the diamond drill indicates a nine foot cavern.

Collins is still alive, engineers of the state military board in charge declared.

JUDGE REFUSES BE ARBITER IN SUIT OVER CHURCH ROW

[illegible] with that [illegible] Judge E. H. Cranmer, in declining jurisdiction when asked to hear suits in the case of C. A. Perkins vs Lula Harvey, suggested that the court decide the issues of the case instead of letting it go to the jury.

The case is one in which a negro congregation, that of St. Gallilee Disciple Church on South Martin street, has split on the question of the pastor, a Rev. Hunter. The majority seem to have followed the pastor but the minority who are bringing the suit, claim that the doctrines taught are out of harmony with those of the Disciple's Church and the claim is that Hunter's followers usurped offices and management of the church and church property. The contention of the defense is that the government of a Disciple church is strictly congregational, that there is no bishop or governing body exercising authority over the congregation, and that the will of the majority in any matter of church government or doctrine is supreme.

The case will probably get to the jury at the close of Saturday afternoon's session of court.

LIZARD IS POPULAR

New York, Feb. 14.—Lizard is one of the most popular of the mid-winter leather for shoes. The skin of a death valley lizard on a woman with cold feet seems somewhat incongruous but few women nowadays get cold feet no matter where their paths lead. The Spanish heel keeps the desert lizard company.

Carmine Gets Man And Still

Comes in From the Desert Section of County Saturday Morning With Pete Goodwin and 60 Gallon Liquor Making Factory as a Result of All Night Hunt

Sheriff Charles Carmine came in from the section of Pasquotank generally known as the desert between 9 and 10 o'clock Saturday morning with a 60 gallon copper still, 30 feet of copper coil and J. W. Goodwin, generally known as Pete, who lives just back of Dr. Lowry's farm on the land of Willie King, Hertford highway merchant and Captain Pete's son-in-law.

The still was found and taken Saturday morning at about 7:30 after an all night hunt in the desert shortly after it had been fired up by Goodwin, who was at the still when it was discovered by Sheriff Carmine and his party. At that time the fire was going full blast but the distilled product had not yet begun to run.

Goodwin will be given a hearing in the recorder's court probably next Wednesday. He was in sheriff's office this morning following arrangements to give bond in sum of $500 for appearance before the recorder. Talking freely the prisoner intimated that he would have no trouble in getting a bondsman. He assured the sheriff and the reporter, in fact, that some one was likely to come in almost any minute to sign the document.

With Deputy Sheriff Pritchard and Officers Winslow and Twiddy of the local force, Sheriff Carmine went out on his still hunt Friday night shortly after dark. After ploughing through the dense undergrowth of the desert all night long, the still was located early Saturday morning as the sheriff and his posse were on a last beat through the woods before calling it a day and starting for home.

With the still was taken six or seven gallons of mash and a half pint of liquor in a bottle. Numerous empty bottles were also found on the scene.

The still was located on what is believed to be land belonging to J. R. Brite about a mile from the Norfolk-Southern railroad and three and a half miles from Elizabeth City. It was also near the lands of the Foreman stock farm.

"It was the sound of an ax that first warned us that we were approaching the still," says Police Officer Twiddy. "Pressing toward that we soon saw the smoke rising from the fire operating the still, and then it was easy for us to close in on it. When we came up to the still I saw no one about it, but later saw Pete crouching in the bushes some distance away.

"I drew my gun and told him to put up his hands.

"Put your gun up, I'm not going to hurt you," he said.

"I told him I was glad to hear that and slipped the weapon back in its holder. He was one of the most pleasant prisoners I ever handled, not only giving himself up without trouble but helping us to bring the still out of the woods.

All the members of the posse were weary and muddy when they got back to town. Deputy Sheriff Pritchard was not only muddy but, wet from falls in the underbrush, had to be sent back to town at 2 o'clock in the morning.

OLDEST FIREMAN KILLED IN BLAZE

And Flames Do Immense Damage at Kansas City Automobile Show Early Today.

(By The Associated Press)

Kansas City, Feb. 14.—Three hundred automobiles, 75 trucks, two airships and accessories valued at $1,500,000 were destroyed when fire levelled the American Royal Livestock Pavilion early today.

The building valued at $650,000 was destroyed. Chief John I. Crane, Chicago's oldest fire [illegible] was killed [illegible] in the automobile show.

NINE PRISONERS BEEN RECAPTURED

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—Nine of the 19 prisoners who escaped from Caledonia Prison Farm Wednesday night had been recaptured today, according to State Prison Superintendent Pou. Another is being trailed near Scotland Neck. The men taken are Kendall E. Johnson, Earle Jackson, Carl Talley, Joe Smith, Will Phillips, Frank Pope, Luther Kirby, William Bailey, and John McNalley.

ESCAPES PRISON FOR SECOND TIME

Atlanta, Feb. 14.—Abe Powell, convicted of being a "confidence man" two years ago, has escaped the state prison farm at Milledgeville for the second time, it was learned today. He escaped a year ago but was recaptured. He was serving a term of from two to five years.

COTTON CONSUMED IN MONTH OF JANUARY

Washington, Feb. 14.—Cotton consumed during January totaled 589,725 bales lint and 51,800 linters, the Census Bureau announced today.

On hand January 1 at consuming establishments were 1,433,814 bales, in public storage and compresses 2,863,475.

Governor's Daughter Marries

Miss Frances Lowden of Oregon, Ill., daughter of former Governor and Mrs. Frank O. Lowden is to marry John T. Drake Jr. of Chicago Feb. 19 at Chicago. They will go abroad on their honeymoon returning in April.

DAUGHTER BORN TO LONGWORTH

Chicago, Feb. 14.—A daughter was born to Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, formerly Alice Roosevelt, here today.

TRIANGULAR DEBATE MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN

The debating teams of Elizabeth City High School, Margaret Sawyer and Melvin Davis on the negative and Vernon Chappell and Walter Cohoon, Jr., on the affirmative, will debate Hertford and Edenton on March 27.

The negative team will meet the Hertford affirmative at Edenton, while the affirmative team will meet the Edenton negative at Hertford and Edenton and Hertford teams will debate in Elizabeth City. This is the annual State triangular debate and, if the Elizabeth City teams win at Edenton and Hertford, they will enter the finals at Chapel Hill.

ROADS AND TAXES FEATURE ASSEMBLY

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—The re-passage of the $20,000,000 highway bond bill on its second reading in the Senate and the passage by the upper body of the bill reducing the personal property tax exemption from $300 to $50 and the introduction of the Sales Tax Bill in the House, featured yesterday in the General Assembly. The Sales Tax Measure principally effects tobacco, soft drinks and toilet articles.

The House yesterday received an unfavorable report on the bill that would allow eight per cent interest to be collected.