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## SHORES OF TRENT ARE WONDERLAND

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### YIELD READY MONEY

Six Miles From New Bern Is Large Kiln Operated By Local Capital.

The Trent river country is a wonderland to one to whom its scenes have not become commonplace through familiarity. Twelve and a half miles up the Trent, which looks there for all the world the same as it did when DeGraffenreid's hired men rowed up it fishing shad in 1894, great deposits of carbonated lime, or calcium carbonate, rise in bluffs from the water. This is the first of the shell deposits available for plant food in the natural state. There are so-called marl beds scattered all over this coastal plain, but these banks are composed of something entirely different—remains of shellfish—instead of a mixture of clay and sand.

Among the things about the Trent river section that appeal most strongly to the Journal man were the wonderfully productive soil and the natural shell deposits that seem to be nature's own storehouse of the most valuable minerals—as the scientists classify these marine deposits. Dr. Jos. Hyde Pratt, state geologist, has made the assertion that these mines of natural shell lime are the most valuable of nature's gifts in the state.

The river is a very picturesque stream, deep and winding, with here and there a little cove just covered with pond lilies, but the scenery cannot be coined into money unless the captain of the steamer Howard should decide to advertise his river as "the scenic route of Carolina," or something of that kind, but the lime banks are ready money right now.

Six miles from New Bern, on the north bank of the Trent, stands the kiln of the Chemical Lime Company, operated by local capitalists, who burn the hard rock, a composition of shells which when burned makes a lime superior to that from stone. A big bank of this shell rock occurs about nine miles from the city, rising right from the river bank. Close inspection of this bluff, which rises from the water perhaps twenty feet or more, shows that it is composed of large clam shells, oyster, mussel and conch shells, packed together as though they had been subjected to pressure in a hydraulic press. Many of them are perfectly preserved. Large clam shells project from the sides of the cliff as they do from some of the Indian shell mounds, like the one on Shell Point, Harker's Island, for instance. Trees send their roots far down through this "rock" and grow luxuriantly.

When one considers that this is 50 miles from the ocean, and at a considerable elevation, wonder grows at such phenomena.

A be whiskered old chronicler upon his return from his first trip up the Trent, declared that these high banks, so strange in a low, swampy region, were the result of an earthquake and the river bed was the crack left by a geologic fault. Scientists, however, among whom are Prof. Jos. Hyde Pratt and Edwin C. Eekels, geologists of Washington, D. C., claim that these are simply natural formations of shell fish remains, left by receding waters millions of years ago. Anyway, a prehistoric skeleton was discovered in one of the piles several years ago.

Aside from occasional glimpses of patches of corn, that look as though they might be cultivated by the aborigines, little except water and primeval forests is to be seen from a boat on the river, this side of Pollockville, except near New Bern, where at the mouth of Brice's creek stands the sawmill of W. B. Ellis. Not far above it is the tomb of Governor Speight, one of the Colonial governors. A mile farther up the river is the beautiful home of one of our county commissioners, Mr. J. D. Williams.

### WAH-LETKA, INDIAN GIRL OF MYSTERY.

The hit of the season at the Athens has been the Indian Girl of Mystery, Wah-Letka. She is a sure enough Cherokee Indian and any one who has seen her on the street has given up blaming John Smith for falling in love with Pocahontas. No one yet has attempted to explain how she does her marvelous acts, and the only way to account for the startling things she does is to credit it to feminine intuition. Wah-Letka certainly seems to know your past, and if you have nerve enough to face it, she will tell you about your future, if you ask her. She will also tell you the number of your watch, your telephone number, or almost anything you have the hardiness to inquire about. The Athens has been crowded every night and at the matinees. She is a wonder.

## WILL PLOW WITH GASOLINE ENGINE

Can be Done Cheaper Than by Horse Power, Egypt Company Thinks.

### REMOVES STUMPS ALSO

And Gasoline Power, Present Plan is Will be Used in Many Other Ways.

The Pate farm, recently purchased by the Egypt Plantation Company, is undergoing many changes. There were but fifty acres of cleared land when the company purchased the farm from the Mallison estate. In addition to this fifty acres the company will clear about 400 acres. Rapid progress is being made in removing the trees and small growth from the land. As soon as this is accomplished ditches will be cut to drain the soil and plows will be started breaking and preparing the land for seeding.

It is proposed by the manager to provide a 45 horse power gasoline traction engine with which to break this land, as the work can be done much cheaper by gasoline than by horses.

This engine will also be utilized in removing the stumps and trees from the land, as well as for the many other uses to which a gasoline engine can be put. The remainder of the tract will for the present be left as a pasture for hogs, sheep, cattle and goats.

The buildings on this property were in a dilapidated condition, but the new management has already repaired the main dwelling, which is of Colonial architecture, and will preserve the old style, which is very appropriate for the site, being on a high hill overlooking Slocum Creek and surrounded by large elms of several hundred summers.

This farm is admirably located, having over three miles of water front on Slocum creek and being about one mile from Neuse river up the creek.

General rotation of crops will be followed and much truck will be planted. Many varieties of berries will be experimented with and these found suited to the soil will be grown extensively. In a very short time, Manager Tull thinks, he will have a model farm and one that should be an object lesson to the farmers of this section.

Just across the creek is the Buys farm, noteworthy for the way in which the owner has improved the property. A model dwelling has been constructed on this place with neat barn and outbuildings. These structures are surrounded by native trees, mostly live oaks. Looking out to the country road, a distance of about a mile, is a straight avenue with these trees on each side, making a beautiful driveway. The owner of this farm is doing very little farming, but is developing a fruit farm and vineyard. Last season one-eighth of an acre of land produced 400 gallons of Scuppernon wine. The peaches grown are of the finest flavor, being as good as the best grown in the so-called peach belt. With the many improvements already made, and those that are being made, the section of the county south of New Bern promises to become one of the greatest wealth producing sections along the Atlantic coast.

## FISHING PARTY OFF FOR BANKS

Mr. W. B. Blades and a party of friends left early this morning on Mr. Blades' houseboat Comfort, for a trip to Shackleford banks for a week's fishing. In the party were a number of Greensboro people including Mr. Clarence Watson, who came down last night. Julius Cone, J. E. LaHam and the rest of the Greensboro contingent came in this morning on the train arriving at 7:30. Those going from here in addition to Mr. Blades were Dr. R. D. V. Jones, Messrs. A. B. Bangert, Charles Hall, Tom Hyman, Thomas Daniels, C. T. Pamphrey and E. B. Hackburn.

### INSPECT BULKHEAD.

The U. S. launch, Frigate, left yesterday morning, in command of Capt. Russell, with assistant engineer, H. T. Patterson, and Overseer S. D. Perry on board, for Oriental, where Mr. Patterson will inspect the bulkhead and Overseer Perry, assisted by Capt. Russell, will make the necessary survey for the bulkhead included in the appropriation for Oriental harbor improvement. From thence they will go to Beaufort, where Assistant Engineer Patterson will inspect dredging operations.

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## WANTS DRIFT TO CITIES STOPPED

Farmers' Union Educational Secretary Discusses Rural Problems.

### NEW DAY HAS DAWNED

Discusses Proposed Central Warehouse, But Union Defers Final Action.

Before the Craven County Farmers' Union yesterday at the court house, Prof. W. C. Crosby, secretary of the Educational Committee of the State Farmers' Union, made an address in which he urged the advantages of education, organization and co-operation and discussed the proposition to locate a central farmers' warehouse either here or at Wilmington.

Rural prosperity rests on three things, said Mr. Crosby, co-operation, education, and organization and the greatest of these is education. He said the Farmers' Union was seeking to bring about a country life revival and that to that end there had to be more education for the young and more co-operation and more organization for the matured citizen.

North Carolina farmers were too conservative, he said, too much disposed to rest on the laurels earned by their fathers in the war. There was only one person more patient than the North Carolina farmer and that was the North Carolina farmer's wife, who had to put up with all the things that he puts up with and him to boot.

Changing an old adage, he said "We are not the first by whom the new is tried, but we are the last to lay the old aside." A new day has dawned, he said; and its light seemed all the more dazzling to rural North Carolina because the darkness here had been so dense.

He discussed the drift of population from the country to the city as a problem which demanded very serious consideration. "We are not any longer sacrificing our boys to war, but we are sacrificing our best new blood to that indefinable something which we call culture. The curriculum in our public schools prepares us for college and not for life."

The remedy for the cityward drift Prof. Crosby said was to make country life as profitable and livable as city life. Brains go where there is financial reward and it was one of the aims of the Farmer's Union to make country life offer the inducements that are offered in the city. "We don't want those that are already in the city to come back, we want them to stay there for we have got to have a market for what we have to sell, but we want to see more of the best blood and best brain staying on the farm."

The great trouble with the efforts of the farmer in the direction of co-operation was, he said, the failure of the farmers to patronize their own enterprises.

Discussing the need of organization he declared that every class had organized and that farmers had to organize if for no other reason because all the other classes had organized.

He urged the need for the farmer to take steps to advance his calling. "Who will deny that the farmer is looked upon as the very tail end of creation? We look upon farming not as a profession but as a condition. No wonder we are pilloried by the fertilizer trust and doped by the politician."

Passing to the proposed central warehouse, he said that it was the plan to have a building to cost something like twenty thousand dollars and that the practice was for the farmers to take about 25 per cent. of the stock and let business men of the community, if they so desired, take the remainder. Wilmington, he said, was competing for the warehouse.

Mr. C. E. Foy was called on to make some remarks to the advantages of New Bern as the place for the warehouse. As compared with Wilmington he said that New Bern was much better suited to the purpose of the warehouse as it is in the center of a great agricultural section, while Wilmington is forty or fifty miles away from localities where there is agriculture on a large scale. He mentioned a number of additional reasons why he believed New Bern the logical place for the warehouse.

The Union went into executive session after which the information was given out that the decision as to the warehouse was not taken but that the matter would come up again at the next meeting of the Union, Sept. 14. The Union decided to have the annual picnic at Beaufort on September 28th prior to Prof. Crosby's address. President D. E. Whitford introduced Mr. J. Lee Williams, secretary of the Eastern Carolina F. U., who asked the active co-operation of the farmers in making the coming fall a success.

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