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MARBLE IN LOUISIANA.

The Immense Beds Found in Winn Parish.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. C. D. SMITH, GEOLOGIST, ETC., OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Col. Sam. Houston, proprietor of the immense marble beds discovered in Winn Parish, paid our town a visit last week. Accompanying him was Mr. C. D. Smith, Geologist and Mineralogist, of Franklin, N. C., who was employed by parties in New Orleans as an expert to make an examination of said beds. We called upon Mr. Smith after his investigation, and he had this to say of the marble:

"In the first place the outcrop of marble I found there is unusual in a country situated as Louisiana is, because it belongs to an older age of geology than anything connected with the surface. While I do not propose to discuss the geological age of the formation, I will say it approximates the Huronian age. The occurrence of this bed is due to an arching up of the older series. This bed consists of marble. This stone promises, when the quarries are properly opened, to furnish excellent marble for all ornamental work in cabinets, parlors, or public buildings. The variety of shade and coloring will render the material attractive, and cannot fail to inspire the admiration of all who love the beautiful and ornamental stone. The area of this bed is remarkable. The evidence obtained from investigation of the grounds satisfies one that the marble, in, perhaps, a solid mass, underlies a hundred acres. The outcrops occur in a high, ridgy, rolling country and are admirably situated for quarrying. This stone is admirably suited for the production of lime, especially for mechanical uses.—By following the valley making off from the marble quarry to the Dug-damonie, it is practical and easy to construct a tramway which will deliver the marble on its banks, six miles distant. An important consideration in this matter is, the abundance of fine timber, especially stave timber for the manufacture of barrels, etc., for uses in connection with lime manufactories. I also observed several springs, one a bold limestone and another of mineral water, evidently possessing very valuable medicinal properties. In passing through the country near here, I have ridden over miles of untold wealth to the people of this country in the marble beds that underlie the higher grounds. The applications of these limes to the crops of this country will be productive of immense benefits, by perfecting the fibre produced. I also saw a handsome specimen of crystallized gypsum, found near the Red river, a few miles from St. Maurice, which will also be valuable alike in the arts and agriculture."

From the foregoing it is manifest that this section furnishes a large and interesting field for a practical geologist, who knows how to use the material that exists here in the progress of agriculture and our Southern civilization.—[Natchitoches Review.

Keeping Open the Exposition.

The great World's Fair ought to be kept open for another year. An effort is making to keep it open by canvassing the City for subscriptions to that end. People do not subscribe "to any alarming extent" as Artemus Ward would say. We, in the country, do not understand where the "hitch" is. Everybody admits that the Exposition ought to continue. Everybody in the country thinks it singular that the railroad companies, the big corporations, the hotel companies, the boarding house-keepers, the drinking saloons, the keno tables and the Basin street palaces do not come to the rescue. But they don't come. Only \$270,000 is wanted; the return is to be untold millions. But the \$270,000 don't seem to come; the millions, therefore, are in abeyance. Director General Burke has resigned. A far-off correspondent says that he resigns because he has bankrupted himself by devoting himself to the Exposition. The *Picayune* ridicules the report. We cannot exactly make out the *Picayune's* slang phrase, "the boot is on the other leg. The *Picayune* writes English. The *Picayune* will have to send on a glossary with its English. But the Exposition ought to be kept open. If the management has been inefficient, as seems to be admitted, then another management can be found. If it cannot be found in Louisiana, then let it go to the other States. In all events let the Exposition continue. Louisiana cannot afford to stop it. The Union cannot afford to let it close.—[Shreveport Times.

—STATE Auditor Steele has prepared and is now forwarding to assessors and board of reviewers of parishes through which rail road lines pass a statement showing the assessment of railroad property in the States of Alabama, Tennessee and Texas, to assist them in arriving at the value of railroad property situated in the State. The information collected from the States named above, giving the assessment of railroad property, is as follows: Alabama, exclusive of rolling stock, from \$10,000 to \$13,000 per mile; Tennessee, excluding appurtenances and proportionate amount of rolling stock, \$14,000 to \$30,000 per mile; Texas, \$6,000 to \$10,000 per mile.—[Ex.

State of Louisiana,
Parish of Rapides.)

Notice is hereby given that I will at an early date present a petition to His Excellency, S. D. McEnery, Governor of the State of Louisiana, invoking His Excellency's executive clemency to my husband, H. J. Brown, convicted in February, 1882, and sentenced to hard labor in the State Penitentiary for ten years for manslaughter.

MRS. HETTIE BROWN,
May 23, '85. Wife of H. J. Brown.

—MILLER, Brady & Co., are just in receipt of a fine lot of Thomas Hay Rakes, Scythes, etc., from St. Louis. Let the hay makers of Rapides provide themselves with one or more of these celebrated rakes and they will never regret making the purchase. They are going at the lowest cash figures.

—THE Governor of New York has sent in a special message to the Legislature on the subject of the law's delay in hanging convicted and sentenced murderers. As the things are now in the Empire State a man in that plight has an appeal to the general term of the Supreme Court, and then another appeal to the Court of Errors and Appeals, and counsel usually avail themselves of both appeals, and the result is, according to the Governor that "intervals of one and two years between conviction and punishment are the rule and not the exception." Here in Louisiana a convicted murderer has no appeal except to the Supreme Court, and then only on exceptions to the rulings of the court and the empanelling of the jury, made and filed by the counsel for the defense at the time of trial.—An application for the commutation of sentence or pardon goes before the Board of Pardons, consisting of the Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and the trial judge. The Governor can grant a pardon on the recommendation of a majority of this board.—[Ex.

—THE Pittsburg (Pa.) Gazette, ultra Republican paper, in an able article on the industries of the South expresses the following kindly sentiments toward the Southern people: These Southern people are engaged in a heroic struggle more glorious far than Ansterlitz or Gettysburg, though no trail of blood or sign of the bruised and dying mark their advances. They are fighting for peace and good feeling and unity amongst the great family which people this broad land. The war left them poor, vanquished, prostrated and dispirited; to-day they are up and at work, forgetting the things which are behind, and with manly hearts reaching forward to the things which are before. It becomes us of the North to do what we can to help our brothers in a conflict which will issue in their highest good, and ours also if we but be true to ourselves and to them.

—IN answer to the question should a young man, while walking with his sweetheart for the first time, take her arm or should she take his? The New York World says: "It depends upon who is the weaker party. If you feel yourself physically her inferior, why take her arm; if otherwise, vice versa. There is a certain prejudice, however, in refined circles against a gentleman taking a lady's arm when walking and many particular persons even say that—it is the worst possible form."

—THE San Francisco Post deduces from the new administration's doings a conclusion by which it states that Mr. Cleveland's brief incumbency "has taught the lesson—which was much needed in some quarters—that this nation is safe, no matter what holds the reins of power. The people are the government, and parties are but their political working tools, to be used, mended or cast aside as occasion may require."