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EDWARD H. FOSTER, EDITOR.

### Coal.

We promised to communicate to the readers of THE ALERT whatever information we might be able to obtain on the question of coal in our vicinity, and here is the story as we now understand it.

For years past the residents of Jamestown have believed that coal existed in this vicinity, and have prospected in several places about here, being rewarded for their search by finding considerable quantities of "float" lignite or brown coal. One of these places was at Beaver Creek, 18 miles down the James River; another near the line of the railroad a mile east of here and in sight of our office. At the latter place a shaft was sunk 50 feet and followed by auger, by Mr. Meade, formerly General Manager of the N. P. R. R., in company with other gentlemen to the depth of 95 feet, when they struck quick sand necessitating the use of tubing for the auger, when the enterprise was abandoned. From time to time several persons, among them ourself, have taken pieces of lignite coal from an apparent vein two miles north of here; and our readers will remember our notice of the presence of large quantities of carbonic acid gas in certain wells in this vicinity. In one of them a deposit, or loose vein, 18 inches thick of pieces of a very good lignite was found at the depth of 30 feet. Below this was found 15 feet of loose sand. At the bottom of this sand was found to be a solid deposit, which was proved to be a coal which breaks with a crystalline fracture, and we should judge to be a fair article of bituminous coal. The specimen before us was given with the above information by the gentleman owning the land, and who we believe to be a man of veracity. He is deterred from further examining the deposit until he can curb out the falling sand, and make some arrangement to remove the poisonous gas, as no man will at present go down the well and risk being buried alive.

The reports that spread among our citizens of the finding of coal in this well, stimulated others, among them Messrs. Harris and McKenzie to prospect in what they considered a favorable place. And the gentlemen named put a man at work driving a dritt into an exposure of shale, three miles from here.

The miner after a couple of weeks work brought in a thin but beautiful piece of what was undisputedly bituminous coal, and in a few days a larger piece of like quality. We, in company with Mr. H., concluded to go out this last Wednesday, and examine for ourselves, but on Tuesday night the chap, "Slothful Joe," reported his finding a two foot vein; this set our place wild, and a party of five of us accompanied said "Slothful" to the alleged bonanza, to find that although Messrs. Harris and McKenzie had selected a favorable place to prospect, and one in which the prospect is yet fair for a discovery of coal, yet none of us could after a very diligent search, find the least trace of any such coal, and came to the conclusion that "Slothful Joe" was a fraud of the first water; and were he to try such a game in Montana or the western country would have met a worse fate than to meet the contempt of his fellow men.

Messrs. H. and McK., although not successful so speedily and to as great a degree as they expected, will go on and sink a shaft at their present location, and we have fair hopes for their eventual success.

That there is coal here, either of the very best lignite or fair bituminous quality, we still believe; and we further

believe that a great deal of prospecting will be done this coming year.

### A few Pertinent Inquiries from "Rural."

EDITOR OF THE ALERT:

Would you like to hear something from the rural districts of Stutsman County? You always have plenty to say about Jamestown and its people, but why don't you take a look around the county occasionally. Do you imagine the country around town will build your little city to an enormous one shortly? Just you figure up the amount of seed your tradesmen will have to furnish next year. Has your city anybody that will have on hand what we want next spring? Just look down in our neighborhood once—there is Hendricks, Hoadley, Farrell, McKechnie, Frey, A. Kindsche, the carpenter, and others, that want seed wheat; to say nothing of Williamson, out on Section 27, he will want 600 bushels,—and to cut it all short your county will want 5,000 bushels seed grain next spring, and who has it or where will we get it? Such facts let us talk about a little. We are not greedy with what we have, though 'tis scarce; our soil is good, and there will be plenty of people around us next spring to take up land. We rurslers want to let you know what we are doing and what you may be asked for this spring, as I said before. We would like to secure some of the good land adjoining us before others come in, but this won't do. Your merchants may want to secure the trade, but if they do let them have what we want, and then they can have some at least, if not all the trade. Who has any seed potatoes? Has anybody got any plows? any seeders? We want to sow 5,000 acres next spring, and this will require 25 seeders. Who has the best? Where will we get 25 or 30 harrows early? And by the way have your merchants any lime on hand? Do you know anything about our good clay to make brick, to build these farmers chimneys? And maybe your merchants that are yet to come, will want a brick store. Have you enterprise enough looking around town to start a brick yard? Will your lumber merchants ever get any sash or doors? Why don't you say in THE ALERT: Wanted—Some cheap commodity to hang up instead of blankets for doors and windows? The other day a neighbor was up town a little late and asked your landlord for a bed—"All full," was the reply, of a stormy night.

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