Origin of the Hard Rock Phosphate of Florida Probably Now Known

Lakeland, Fla., June 7, 1907.

To the Editor of the Ocala Banner:

It has been generally assumed that the hard rock phosphate was older than the pebble, the entire absence of organic remains in the former lending color to the assumption.

Further than this, there seems to be no connection whatever between the two classes of deposits; their geographical distribution being apparently as independent as their physical characters.

A strip of territory running east and west across Pasco and northern Polk county was believed to separate the hard rock territory on the north from that of the pebble on the south.

Recently, however, Mr. Albertus Vogt, the discoverer of hard rock phosphate in Florida, called my attention to deposits of phosphates in the supposedly neutral strip.

In this region the deposits of the two classes of phosphates occur together, the pebble being invariably below the other, showing according to geologic sequence the more recent origion of the hard rock. This fact accepted, the problem of the origin of the hard rock phosphates of Florida would sem easy of solution.

As is well known, the phosphate pebbles are on the whole thoroughly water worn and rounded. The detritus from this action was borne northward by the current and deposited in the eddies and quiet recesses along its course, to be flaked and curled by the sun later on as found in the plate rock and laminated boulders. This identical process may be witnessed going on today at the pebble phosphate mines, where the detritus from the washers is discharged into the streams and flats in the region of the plants.

R. R. SNOWDEN.

CLERK - CARRIER EXAMINATION At Ocala, Fla., June 19, 1907.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on June 19, 1907, an examination will be held for the position of clerk and carrier in the Post Office Service.

This examination offers an opportunity to bright energetic young persons to enter an interesting field of Government employment where the salaries compare most favorably with those paid in private employment.

Subjects: Spelling, 10; arithmetic, 20; letter writing, 20; penmanship, 20; copying from plain copy, 10; United States Geography, 10; reading addresses, 10. Total, 100.

Age limit, all positions, 18 to 45 years.

Male applicants for the Post Office service must be at least 5 feet 4 inches in height in bare feet, and 125 pounds in weight without overcoat and hat; otherwise their applications will be canceled. Female applicants are not required to be of any specific height or weight.

Married women will not be admitted to this examination. This prohibition, however, does not apply to divorced women or women wh are separated from their husbands and support themselves.

All persons who have been examined for the position of clerk or carrier within the past year and failed to pass may be reexamined upon filing new applications in due time.

For application blanks, instructions to applicants, and further information, application should be made to B. P. Borden, local secretary, at the Ocala, Fla., post office, or Geo. S. Donnell. No application will be accepted unless properly executed and filed with the undersigned prior to the hour of closing business on June 12, 1907.

GEO. S. DONNELL
Secretary 5th Civil Service District,
Atlanta, Georgia.

It Was a Matter foor General Rejoicing.

The Florida legislature passed into history last night, May 31st, and all nature seems to rejoice over the fact. The forest birds were out in force this morning, singing their sweetest tunes; the Florida hen cackled with a different voice, the rooster crowed in a more musical way; the atmosphere was more pleasant, the leaves appeared brighter green the town cow meandered with a quicker step; the stroke of the town clock sounded more in unison, and in fact all nature seemed to rejoice that it was all over. — Live Oak Democrat.

Anent the governorship. Dame rumor has been and is very busy just now discussing the various probable candidates, and among these mentioned the most bewitching smiles seem to be bestowed upon that prominent and honored jurist, Judge B. H. Palmer, of Lake City, and the great and popular "Moses" of the Farmers' Alliance the beloved and able follower and exponent of the meek and lowly Jesus of Nazareth, Hon. R. F. Rogers. Either gentleman would make for Florida able chief executive and practically carry every vote in this section the state.—Live Oak Democrat.

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