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Mineral Wealth of Wythe County.

Hand-book Which Will Describe its Vast Issues Will Surprise Many.

Marion, Va., April 19.—The hand-book of Smyth County, intended for distribution at the Jamestown Exposition, for which the Board of Supervisors of the county made an appropriation sometime ago, is about ready for publication. The booklet will contain many matters of interest, showing the progress and present condition of the people of the county, as well as the wonderful resources of this section, and its desirability as a place of residence and for the investment of capital. In addition to a description of the agricultural and timber resources of the county, the statement is made that it, perhaps alone of all the counties of Virginia, contains within its borders practically every mineral found in commercial quantities in Virginia. Besides salt, gypsum, lead and barytes, several varieties of iron ore, manganese and marble are found, as well as deposits of various other minerals. Rye Valley, which is a continuation of the great Cripple Creek Valley, is especially rich in the abundance and variety of its mineral resources, which are within easy reach of the Marion and Rye Valley railroad. In the east end of the ores, chiefly limonite, and of excellent quality, show a range of from 42 to 65 percent metallic iron, and are remarkably free from objectionable qualities. Several hundred tons of manganese have been mined and shipped from this valley, and the deposits of manganese here and elsewhere in the county are apparently large and valuable.

Also Lead and Zinc.

Lead and zinc ores are found in Rye Valley, while lead has also been found in rich Valley and in the south spurs of Walker's Mountain. During the past year the Chamberlin Mineral Company has purchased about ninety acres of land in the Rye Valley, and the mineral rights on about 250 acres, at a cost of \$19,000. The company is spending about \$15,000 for machinery, and will begin at once the development of its property. Experts have estimated the ore already excavated at \$100,000 with excellent prospects for the future. Some of the ore here has analyzed 55 percent lead, 12 1-2 percent zinc, 4 percent silver and 2 percent gold.

The gypsum deposits of Virginia are confined to Smith county, and in this county to a narrow strip in the valley of the North Fork of Holston river. For a distance of ten miles above Saltville there are large deposits of gypsum of excellent quality. Hundreds of tons of absolutely pure material may be obtained, while the average run of mine may be counted on as 99 percent pure. Its physical characteristics also add to its value. It is soft, granular and easily crushed. The Buena Vista Plaster and Mining Company has operated successfully for many years a small mill a mile below Saltville, and its output has been favorably received by the building trade. During past year the Southern Gypsum

Company, Inc., has bought the Pierson Plaster Bank Farm, three miles above Saltville, and has carefully prospected a portion of this farm with a core drill. The gypsum underlying this land has a thickness at many places of fifty feet, and the prospecting completed by March, 1907, had proved the presence of a million and a half tons of gypsum. This company is now erecting a large and expensive plant for the manufacture of gypsum into commercial forms.

At Saltville the Mathieson Alkali Works own large deposits of salt, and in the manufacture of sodium carbonate, commercially known as "soda ash," are operating perhaps the largest single industry Southwest Virginia. Employment is given to something over 1,200 men. The company operates its own limestone quarry, which is located about three miles from the plant, the stone being conveyed from quarry by means of an aerial tramway.

Quarry Limestone.

In addition to the minerals already mentioned, a large amount of limestone in Smyth county for use at Saltville and in iron furnaces in Southwest Virginia, is quarried. Near Marion, Mr. W. F. Culbert has operated two large quarries for several years, shipping annually over 75,000 tons of limestone for use in the manufacture of iron. This stone is of first class quality, and suitable for use in the making of Portland cement.

Clays that stand many of the ordinary fire tests are found in many portions of the county. Before the Civil War the several iron forges that were then in operation in this county, were successfully lined with these clays. There is abundant clay for the manufacture of building and paving brick. At Chilhowie, for many years the Virginia Vitrified Brick and Paving Company operated an extensive plant for the manufacture of brick, with which many of the towns of Virginia are paved. This company will, in all probability, resume operations in the near future.

The increase in bank deposits in the county during the past few years is shown to be remarkable. By their last published statements, the total resources of the four banks in Smyth county are as follows: Bank of Marion, Marion, Va., \$299,711.91; Marion National Bank, Marion, Va., \$372,171.80; Bank of Saltville, Saltville, Va., \$120,330.81; Bank of Chilhowie, Chilhowie, Va., \$53,990.61. The individual deposits in these four banks amount to about \$600,000. Four years ago there was only one bank in the county, and its individual deposits at that time rarely exceeded \$200,000.

\$100 Reward \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh is being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly on the mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that fails to cure. Send for list or testimonials. Address: E. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

THE STATES AT JAMESTOWN.

Beautiful Permanent Structures of Colonial Architecture.

Norfolk, Va., April 20.—The States of the Union have recognized the importance of representation at the Jamestown Exposition and few if any, will be conspicuous by their absence, but all, or nearly all, will have comprehensive exhibits and at least twenty five will have buildings. The general architecture of the State buildings is colonial though some are representations of historic homes or halls.

Virginia, the hostess of her sister States on this occasion, leads with a fine mansion of the colonial period; Pennsylvania, has Independence Hall; Maryland, home of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence; New Jersey, a model of Washington's headquarters at Morristown; Ohio, "Adena," the first stone house erected west of the Allegheny Mountains; Kentucky, a reproduction of Daniel Boone's fort at Boonesboro, to be erected from rough timbers from the site of the fort in Kentucky; Connecticut, the Col. Talmadge home at Litchfield; Massachusetts, the old State House at Boston; New Hampshire, the John Langdon home at Portsmouth, while Rhode Island, Delaware, Missouri, Vermont, Illinois, North Carolina, West Virginia, North Dakota, Louisiana and other States will have colonial buildings or similar homes.

Georgia, the Empire State of the South is building a model of Bulloch Hall, in Cobb County, Georgia, the home of President Roosevelt's mother. The twelve rooms in this building will be furnished by the leading cities of the State, such as Atlanta, Savannah, Augusta, Columbus, Statesboro, Macon, Valdosta, Cordele, Albany, Waycross and others. The State appropriated the sum of \$50,000 for an exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition and the funds for the erection of the building have been raised by popular subscription. The State building fronts on Wiloughby Boulevard and the waters of Hampton Roads and is a handsome structure of colonial architecture. With broad verandas and porches it affords a fine point of vantage from which to view the harbor events which are to be among the spectacular features of the Exposition.

In the various exhibit buildings of the Exposition the products of the Georgia farms, mines and work-shops and the educational and commercial interests are displayed, and in the historic relic building, which is a fire-proof structure, there are many priceless heirlooms and relics which have been gathered to represent Colonial Georgia.

The Georgia building is to be dedicated June 10, which is to be known as Georgia Day. President Roosevelt will deliver the address of dedication, his subject being, "Commercial Growth and Progress of the South." It is estimated that at least 200,000 people will be present on this occasion and it will be one of the greatest days of the Exposition. Several of the leading military organizations of the State will be present, including the Sparta Rifles, the Chatham Artillery, the Marietta Rifles and the Fifth Regiment of Infantry. Upon this day also will occur the ceremony of presenting the State's gift of a silver service to the battleship Georgia which will be in Hampton Roads at that time.

"Pneumonia's Deadly Work

had so seriously affected my right lung" writes Mrs. Fannie Connor, of Rural Route 1, Georgetown, Tenn., "that I coughed continuously night and day and the neighbors' production—consumption—seemed inevitable, until my husband brought home a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, which in my case proved to be the only real, rough cure and restorer of weak, sore lungs." When all other remedies utterly fail, you may still win in the battle against lung and throat troubles with New Discovery, the real cure. Guaranteed by J. W. Kelly, druggist, 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

JUDGE RHEA'S APPOINTMENT.

Governor Claude A. Swanson, of Virginia, has signified his purpose to appoint Judge Wm. F. Rhea, of this city to succeed Judge Beverly Crump, who recently resigned, as chairman of the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

It had been generally understood that Judge Rhea was to succeed Henry C. Stuart, a member of the commission, whose term will expire next February, but the resignation of Judge Crump makes an earlier vacancy, and it is now certain that this first vacancy is to be Judge Rhea's opportunity.

The position to which Judge Rhea is to be appointed is one of the most important in the state, and the honor will not only be pleasantly received by Judge Rhea, but by the people of Bristol generally, who have sympathized with and supported him in all his political contests in the past. It has to do with the organization and regulation of all corporations within the state. It deals in particular with the railways of the state, and determines all matter of dispute between the people and the railroads, defining the duty of railroads in reference to the public upon all matters that arise for adjudication. All charters for new organizations are granted by this commission.

The Corporation Commission is a judicial body, whose decisions are subject to review by the Court of Appeals, and whose actions should be as free from political influence as the findings of the courts themselves. It is important, therefore, that the members of the commission be chosen from among those men who are best fitted by reason of their ability to discharge intelligently and impartially, the many onerous duties that devolve upon them. The constitution requires that the president of the commission shall have all the qualities and qualifications of a judge of the supreme court, and in choosing Judge Rhea for the position, Governor Swanson has made a wise selection.—Bristol Herald Courier.

Thousands have pronounced Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea the greatest healing power on earth. When medical science fails, it succeeds. Makes you well and keeps you well. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. —Hamblen Bros.

LITTLE HENRY ON THE OSTRICH.

The ostrich is a bird that looks like a gas pipe stuck in a pillow on a stepladder without any steps. The ostrich is the only bird that does not sing or fly or go to roost in a tree. When it is pursued it sticks its head in the sand because it hasn't any sand in its craw. When it is caught it kicks like a mule, only harder, and readily escapes. Uncle Bill knows a man that was kicked by a ostrich once after he had run away from home because his wife hits him with flatirons and rolling pins. After the ostrich kicked him he went home to his wife and kissed her and bought her a dozen rolling pins.

The ostrich lays eggs as big as a hat, and they are worth almost as much as cold storage eggs in January. The ostrich is chiefly valued for its feathers, which are used to trim women's hats. If the ostrich could sell its own feathers it would make so much money it would drink itself extinct, although it can

eat anything, being like a billy goat in this respect. The ostrich knows it can't sing, and doesn't try to. It eats like a goat, kicks like a mule, runs like a horse and hasn't got any more sense than a rabbit but it is a bird.

Every woman appreciates beautiful complexion, so much admired by the men. Such complexions come to all who use Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35cents, Tea or Tablets. —Hamblen Bros.

WHAT A WOMAN CAN DO.

She can come to a decision without the slightest trouble of reasoning on it; and no sane man can do that.

Six of them can talk at once and get along first rate, and no two men can do that.

She can safely stick fifty pins in her dress while he is getting one under his thumbnail.

She is as cool as a cucumber in half a dozen tight dresses and skirts, while a man will fret and fume and growl in one loose shirt.

She can talk sweet as peaches and cream to the women she hates, while two men would be punching each other's head before they had exchanged ten words.

She can appreciate a kiss from her husband seventy-five years after the ceremony is performed.

She can go to church and afterwards tell you what every woman had on, and in some rare instances give you some faint idea what the text was.

She can walk half the night with a colicky baby in her arms without once expressing the desire of murdering the infant.

She can—but what's the use? A woman can do anything or everything and do it well.

She can do more in a minute than a man can do in a hour and do it better.

She can drive a man crazy for twenty four hours and then bring him to a paradise in two seconds by simply tickling him under the chin, and there does not live that mortal son of Adam's misery who can do it.—Exchange.

There are many tonics in the land. As by the papers you can see; But none of them can equal Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. —Hamblen Bros.

A KING'S ADVICE.

One of the greatest men and monarchs that ever reigned, so well loved and understood his people that he was able to give them the truest advice in the simple language which is always the outcome of sincerity.

"Be brave in adversity. Do not strive for what is unattainable or worthless; be content with each day as it comes; look at the good side of everything; take pleasure in nature and accept your fellow men as you find them. For a thousand bitter hours comfort yourself with a single happy one; in effort and deed always do your best, regardless of reward. He who can do this will be fortunate, free and independent; the days of his life will always be happy ones. He who is distrustful does wrong to others and injures himself. It is our duty to consider every person good as long as he does not prove the contrary. The world is so large and we human beings so small that every thing cannot center in us alone. Even when something injures us or hurts us, who can know but

that is necessary for the whole creation? Everything in the world, whether good or otherwise, is the work of the great wise will of the Almighty and all knowing Creator, though we petty creatures may not be able to understand it. Everything in the world is as it must be; and whatever it may be, the good is always the will of the Creator."

READ THIS TO YOUR BOY.

You have heard of "Farmer" Burns, the famous wrestler, who for many years has been able to get both shoulders of the best of them down on the mat.

Farmer Burns does not smoke, chew, drink, swear or use tea or coffee.

Do you understand why Burns cuts out tea, coffee, tobacco and liquor? Simply because these things stand in the way of his being a strong man physically. He must have muscles that are as strong as iron, supple as a tiger's. He must have lungs like a blacksmith's bellows. He must have a brain as clear as a Philadelphia lawyer's.

Any kind of artificial stimulus, whether it is weak like tea, coffee, tobacco or strong like whiskey, interferes with his right breathing, interferes with his muscle expansion, interferes with pure blood in the brain. He can't afford to use stimulants. In the end they tend to weaken his body and his mind.

But you cannot quite see the connection between swearing and physical strength. Let Burns himself explain.

"Lots of people," he says, "can't see what swearing has to do with it. Let me tell you that swearing is the beginning of toughness, and toughness is the beginning of weakness."

If some of the "has-beens" in the sporting world had been as careful as Farmer Burns about the beginning of toughness they might still be "in the ring."

Wrestlers and athletes and champions of the saw dust ring—on the average—do not last long. And the reason for it is they get "tough" They grow weak. By and by they condemnation is visited upon a single sin. But there is in the old teaching a profound philosophy. Moral corruption spreads as naturally as physical corruption. The speck, if left alone will surely rot the apple.

There may be exceptions to the rule but it is safe to say that, being false in one way, the Stanford Whites are false in all ways.—Richmond Journal.

LOCAL LUMBER COMPANY PURCHASES A BOUNDARY

The Tug River Lumber Company of this city has purchased an additional boundary of timber land in Scott county, Va., near Horton's Summit and will erect a band mill with a capacity for between 40,000 and 50,000 feet a day at an early date. The company has been operating near Horton's Summit for a number of years. The circular mills which have heretofore been used will be dispensed with when the new band mill is installed.

The new tract of timber embraces about 3,000 acres, consisting chiefly of hardwood. The company had a band mill in that section destroyed by fire over a year ago.—Bristol Herald Courier.