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Something About Monroe County.

From a paper contributed to the geological report by Prof. Green, the following is extracted:

COAL.

It is practically useless and a waste of money, time and labor to indulge the fruitless dreams of ever finding workable seams of coal in Monroe county. It does not exist here, except as a worthless, black, slate coal-bone, traces of which may be found in Indian Creek township, running south through Lawrence, Orange and Harrison counties.

IRON ORE.

The only deposit of iron ore, of the least consequence for commercial purposes, is confined to a very limited area in Indian Creek township. Nearly forty years ago an iron furnace was erected by Randall Ross of Virginia, on the lands of George Adams, of Monroe county, on section 7, township 7, range 2 west, which is the center of the iron deposit. The investment soon proved a failure and the furnace has long gone to decay. This ore, though of good local repute, in the absence of stone coal, railroads, and other essentials, offers no inducement at present for its development.

IRON ORE.

The building stone of Monroe county is worthy to be classed with the best in the State of Indiana; and, according to the careful scientific analyses and mechanical tests to which it has been officially submitted, it ranks with the best calcareous limestone in the world. (See Geological Report of Indiana for 1878, pp. 95, 96 and 97.)

GRINDSTONES.

Grindstones, for ordinary purposes, of an excellent quality, may be procured in unlimited quantities from the Knob sandstone on Bryant's creek, three miles northwest of Hindostan, section 2, township 10, range 1 west, where there is an open quarry. This stone varies in color from gray or white to a very pale red, with horizontal partings.

LIME.

Lime of a superior quality is extensively burned from the calcareous limestone at Bloomington, Ellettsville, and other places in Monroe county.

CLAYS.

Good clays for the manufacture of brick can be found in abundance at Harrodsburg, Bloomington and Ellettsville, and also at other points overlying the St. Louis limestone. Potters' clay of inferior quality may be found in several localities on Indian creek, in Indian Creek township, and also on Honey creek, in Marion township.

MINERAL SPRINGS.

With the exception of the "Old Salt Springs" on Salt creek (which, for many years have ceased to flow), and Ketcham's Sulphur Springs, three miles southwest of Smithville, no other mineral springs of any importance are known to exist in Monroe county.

AGRICULTURAL.

The topographical features of Monroe county are quite varied, and often of an imposing character. The townships of Washington, Marion, Benton, Salt Creek, and Polk owe their soils principally to the disintegrated shades of the knobstone group, which containing a great proportion of iron pyrites, renders it unfavorable for the production of hay; but good crops of wheat can be raised on this soil by the liberal use of fertilizers. The soils of Bloomington, Perry, Richland and Van Buren townships are very superior and quite different from the former; being composed in a great measure of the disintegrated rocks and overlying clays of the lower St. Louis beds, they are richer in stores of nutritious plant-food, and, therefore, are better adapted for all agricultural purposes.

That portion of Monroe county east of the L. N. A. & C. R. R. (more especially in Washington

and Benton townships), has been robbed of its productive strength by reason of a want of proper attention and to the succession of crops and use of fertilizers. I would very earnestly recommend the erection of suitable mills in the vicinity of the stone quarries for the purpose of crushing and thereby utilizing the waste stone, which, being nearly a pure carbonate of lime, will furnish most excellent fertilizer at a nominal expense.

TIMBER.

The variety and quality of the timber in Monroe county will compare favorably with that of any other county in the State. At the time of the first settlement of Monroe county it was magnificently wooded with white and yellow poplar, white, red, black and chestnut oaks, white and black walnut, ash, cherry, chestnut, sugar-tree, beech, hickory, elm, sycamore, black and sweet gum, sassafras, dogwood, etc., much of which was wantonly destroyed in the original clearings. As the population increased the legitimate demands for timber of all kinds for different purposes, accompanied by reckless waste, soon made sad havoc with the grand old monarchs of the forest, so that now, save in some favored spots, the only timber of substantial value in the county owes its preservation to the physical difficulties of approaching the positions where it still so proudly stands. An active home and foreign demand for black walnut generally, and especially for such suitable to saw into veneers, has carried the very choicest specimens of this timber to Boston, New York and Philadelphia, and even to the principal capitals of Europe. When we consider that so much as two hundred dollars has frequently been paid for a single walnut tree suitable in size and figure for certain kinds of veneering, we can well imagine the loss Monroe county has sustained by indiscriminate clearings and their attendant burnings.

Vast quantities of cherry, ash and yellow poplar, of the finest quality and largest dimensions has, for many years past, been shipped by rail to Indianapolis, Cincinnati and New York, to be used in the manufacture of furniture and for other purposes. Immense numbers of staves and spokes are constantly required to meet the growing demand of the different factories here and elsewhere, even beyond the limits of the State. Those of Bloomington alone receiving, on an average, forty large wagon loads per day. The Standard Oil Company of Cleveland, Ohio, ships forty thousand dollars worth of staves from Monroe county, annually. A large and growing trade in tan bark and cross ties may be noted as a proof of the superior quality of the timber of this county; all active agencies in its rapid disappearance.

FRUIT.

The cultivation of fruit is a notable feature wherever settlements occur throughout the county. That portion lying east of the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago Railway is peculiarly adapted to the growth of peaches, apples, pears, plums, cherries, grapes, etc. As for the small fruits generally, they are a safe crop in this region, enjoying all the advantages common to the whole of southern Indiana.

LEADING CITIZEN.

A poor devil of a reporter was approached the other day by a young man who represents a biographical publishing company, when there ensued the following conversation:

Y. M. Look here, you ought to have a sketch of your life in the biographical sketches of the leading men of Indiana.

Rep. Oh! well put me in.

Y. M. You must write me a brief sketch of your life and hand it to me. I'll fix it up.

Rep. Fix it up! Why didn't you tell me I was a leading citizen—and—and—

Y. M. Yes, yes, but you had better write your own puff.

Rep. Yes, I see. When will your book be out?

Y. M. In December. You need not pay me till then.

Rep. Pay! what for?

Y. M. For the sketch.

Rep. Oh! how much?

Y. M. Thirty dollars.

Rep. Thirty dol-lar-s.

Guess I'm not a leading citizen, Ta-ta.

Several "leading citizens" of this locality, however, have been struck for a \$30 bill by the biographer, and have paid the amount.

SEVERAL of the more enterprising hill farmers are talking of planting walnut trees on their lands which are not well adapted to cultivation. There is something in this idea, and the probability is that walnut timber culture would pay. A farmer living near Charles-ton, in Clark county, sold seventy-five trees a few weeks ago, at an average of forty dollars each, and another sold nineteen trees for twelve hundred dollars. At this rate it would pay to utilize poor land by raising walnut trees. It is fair to presume that forty or fifty years hence, this timber will have advanced as much in price as it has

during the past forty, and if so a forest planted now, would be a valuable possession at the end of a half century.

A member of the sanitary police force came across a boy the other day who was wheeling home a load of oyster cans and bottles, and curious to know what use the lad could put them to, he made a direct inquiry:

"Going to throw them over into our back yard," replied the boy.

"But what do you use 'em for?"

"It's a trick of the family," grinned the lad.

"How trick?"

"I'd just as lief tell," continued the boy, as he spit on his hands to resume his hold of the barrow.

"We're going to have some relatives come in from the country. We may not have much to eat, but if they see these cans and bottles and boxes they'll think we've had a hard time!"

The officer scratched his ear like a man who had received a new idea.

BABY'S VENTURE.—Yesterday Mrs. Somornberg, an emigrant woman with a number of children, went out on the Fort Scott train. When out some distance she fell asleep with a child about two years old in her arms. When she awoke the child was gone, and, although search was made, it could be found nowhere. On arriving at one of the stations the conductor of the train received a dispatch that a child had been picked up about twenty miles from that point, by the construction train, lying on the side of the track, unburnt, but crying lustily for help. It turned out to be the child of Mrs. Somornberg, and was forwarded to her by the next train. It is supposed that it crawled from its mother's arms and fell out of the window, but as the train was spinning along at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour, how it was not instantly killed remains a mystery.—*Kansas City Times.*

AN ENRAGED FEMALE.

[San Francisco News-Letter.]

"Household departments" are very good adjuncts to a newspaper in their way, when edited by a woman, but the male journalist who dabbles with the heavenly-inspired mysteries of cooking runs a frightful risk. The editor of the weekly Petaluma Peavine started a column of that kind recently, and a few days later a fierce-looking female came into the office, carefully concealing some object behind her apron.

"Are you the man that published that new and improved way to make currant cake?"

He said he was.

"You said to mix washing soda with the flour, and stir in a little corn meal and sweet oil to give it consistency?"

"I—I—believe so."

"And to add 15 eggs and some molasses, and two ounces of gum arabic, and set in a cool place to bake?"

"I think that was it."

"Well, take that then!" and the indignant housewife knocked him down with a weapon that felt like a sand club; but which he felt in his heart must have been a half-baked hunk of cake, constructed on the Peavine pattern.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE of an execution to me directed from the Clerk of the Lawrence County Circuit Court, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on

SATURDAY, April 23d, 1881,

the following described Real Estate, situated in Monroe county, State of Indiana, to-wit:

The east half of the northwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter, and that part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter lying north of Salt Creek, all in section three, town seven, north range one east, containing one hundred and fifty acres; And the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter, section twenty, town seven, north range one west.

TERMS.—One-third cash in hand on day of sale, the remainder in the equal payments of six and twelve months from day of sale, the purchaser giving notes for deferred payments, waiving relief from valuation and appraisal laws, and bearing interest from day of sale.

Sale to begin at 1 o'clock p.m.

Said land will be sold free from liens and incumbrances except taxes.

JOSEPH D. HANDY, mar. 23-1881. —Administrator.

Buskirk & Duncan, attorneys.

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