

PHOSPHATE MINING.

The Large Industry That Has Sprung Up in Florida.

A New City Has Been Created by the Growing Business in the Peninsular State—Marketing of the Material.

The Florida phosphate deposits are of great importance, yet their existence was discovered so recently, and their extent is still so uncertain that few persons not engaged in the sale of fertilizing materials have much knowledge of the large industry which has sprung up in the peninsular state. It has practically created a new city, Ocala, which had a population of but a few hundred in 1870, but is now a thriving business center with modern improvements, banking facilities and ample railway and transportation facilities. Engineering, the leading engineering journal, makes the following statements concerning the region, which are of considerable interest as coming from an unbiased source: "There is no phosphate region in the world known to-day that possesses so many advantages for successful mining as the Florida deposits. The grade of material is the highest average that is being worked anywhere. The facilities for moving the products to points for distribution are good. The average distance from mines to ports for shipment is about 150 miles. The distributing stations for the hard rock districts are Port Tampa, Fernandina, Brunswick and Savannah, the largest tonnage being moved from Fernandina, where storage bins are located and loading facilities are good. Port Tampa, the terminus of the Plant system of railroads, is constantly adding facilities for prompt handling of cargoes of phosphate, and at present very nearly equals Fernandina in the amount of its shipments. Railroads are numerous and cheaply constructed when necessary to extend them into new sections. The machinery needed to mine and prepare the material is simple and inexpensive compared with that generally used in other mining operations, and the cost of a plant with sufficient land to work upon is within the reach of small investors. The working days at the mines are about 280 during the year. The climate is healthful, laborers readily obtained at a fair compensation and skilled operatives are at hand who are becoming familiar with the business. The mining camps are generally well regulated, and proprietors and employes can reside at the mines with safety and with little inconvenience, as supplies of all kinds can be readily obtained at the towns located in the near vicinity of all the large mining fields. Telegraph and mail facilities are within easy access of nearly every mining camp in the state. Florida phosphates are mostly shipped to European ports, and are manufactured into fertilizers in England, Ireland, Germany France, and quite recently shipments have been made to the Sandwich islands. Foreign agents of consumers and dealers in phosphates have their offices near the center of production, and contracts for delivery and prices are commonly fixed at points of shipment, the material being sold at a price per unit of its contents of phosphate of lime. The Florida phosphates are all used in the manufacture of commercial fertilizers and superphosphate."—Boston Transcript.

An Irishman's Brilliant Idea.

Some Irishmen are naturally stupid, but their mistakes at times are so humorous as to provoke a laugh, which makes one forget the more serious part of the error. Recently a son of Ireland went out rowing on the lake at a famous summer resort. A stiff northwest wind came up, and, not being skillful with the oars, in a short time his boat shipped considerable water. A brilliant idea then seized him, and, taking the butt end of the oar, he battered away at the planks in the bottom of the boat, finally knocking a hole in them. Fortunately for him a steam launch with a pleasure party aboard came along and rescued him as his boat sank. Upon being asked why on earth he drove a hole through the boat he replied: "An' phwat else would yez do? Sure the boat was half full of water, an' so I knocked a hole in the bottom to let it out; but, yez see, there was so much more water in the lake that the little bit of a stream in my boat had no chance to get out."—Harper's Round Table.

One Way of Finding a Scotsman.

It is related of a successful Glasgow merchant that, sight seeing in Paris once, he lost his way. For a considerable time he wandered about trying to get back to his hotel. The hours went by. He never could speak French, and his Glasgow English only brought a smile and a shake of the head. "Oh for a body wi' a guid Scotch tongue in his head!" he sighed. Then came a happy thought. By signs he bought a basket, measure and berries of a trim French woman, and, shouldering his stock, went along the street shouting: "Fine grossets, a bawbee the pine; fine grossets, a bawbee the pine." The crowd laughed at the mad Briton, but the familiar cry soon brought some Scotsmen on the scene, and the merchant was able to retire from business and smother his pipe in the bosom of his family, thankful that he had found real Scotsmen in his hour of need.—Tit-Bits.

Save the Wine.

In Tokio a confirmed tippler, having occasion to send his servant, a country girl to buy some wine, which is a native drink, said, placing the empty bottle in her hands: "Now be very careful and see that you don't fall in coming back, if you fall, you know, you will be rare, no way or another, to spill the wine. Of course, if you are obliged to fall, I suppose you must; but in that case put the bottle carefully on the sand and don't spill."—Judge.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

"They say that Cholly has lost his mind." "Is that so? Does he know it?"—Boston Courier.

"He said I was his life's sunshine." "I guess you will find that all moonshine."—Boston Courier.

"Prisoner—"What, that man is going to defend me? Why, he couldn't bring an innocent person through!"—Flegende Blaetter.

"Tell me, guide, why so few people ascend that magnificent mountain." "Because no has ever fallen off it."—Flegende Blaetter.

"Well met, colonel!" "I'm not a colonel, sir!" "Pardon me! I was under the impression you had been in Georgia six weeks!"—Atlanta Constitution.

"Her Choice—"What kind of a tie do you admire most?" he asked as he made his regular call. "The marriage tie," she answered truthfully, and without hesitation.—Detroit Free Press.

"Hoax—"You worked your way through college, didn't you?" Joax—"Right." Hoax—"What did you work at?" Joax—"The other students principally."—Philadelphia Record.

"Slobbs—"Jenkins told me Miss Thesconstreet was an old flame of yours." Slobbs—"An old flame? Impossible!" "Why impossible?" "She's from Boston."—Philadelphia Record.

"A—"When I see you I always think of the proverb: To whom God gives an office, to him he gives understanding." B—"But I have no office!" A—"Well, don't you see how that fits?"—Flegende Blaetter.

"Mr. Spinks—"Well, Willie, has your sister made up her mind to go to the concert with me?" Willie—"Yep. She's made up her mind and she's makin' up her face now. She'll be down in a minute."—Great Divide.

"Miss Kostique—"Do you know when I see you looking so happy it reminds me of what a great poet once said. Cholly Saphead—"Indeed! Pway, what was it?" Miss K—"Where ignorance is bliss."—Philadelphia Record.

"He—"I have never loved but once in all my life." She—"What?" He—"Fact, I assure you. It has somehow always happened that I never was quite free from the one girl by the time the next one came along."—Indianapolis Journal.

"Confident of It.—Lady of the House—"I should think you would be afraid to come around in the back yard. I notice you didn't do it last week on account of our big dog." Tramp—"No'm. But I knew that dog wasn't here any more." Lady of the House—"How do you know it?" Tramp—"I let him have that piece of pie you gave me."—Detroit Free Press.

TURNED THE TABLES.

How a Sharp Droumer Got the Best of a Mexican Bandit.

"From some of the reports circulated in the east," said German P. Tetuew, of Galveston, Tex., the other night, "one is led to believe that the western, particularly the far southwestern, citizen is a pretty bad man, whose chief amusement and means of gaining a livelihood consist of highway robbery. But I think the finest piece of holding up I ever heard of was accomplished by a young New Yorker who traveled in our state and Mexico for a druggists' fancy articles manufactory.

"This young man," he continued, "was traveling in the state of Coahuila, Mexico, about two years ago and went one night to Saltillo, the capital of the state. It was the first time he had been in the town, and, after transacting a little business, he started out to see the sights. As he entered an isolated street he was suddenly confronted by a brigandish-looking fellow, who, in glib mongrel Spanish, demanded his valuables, with accompanying gestures that made his meaning perfectly intelligible to the intended victim. The highwayman held in one hand a long, sinister-looking knife and waved it about in a suggestive manner which implied the necessity of ready compliance with his wishes or a tragic result.

"But the salesman was a man of quick wit and ready resources. Instead of handing over his property he thrust his hand into his pocket, and a moment later the cold, shiny barrel of what seemed to be a revolver was pointed at the would-be robber's head.

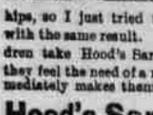
"Excuse me," said the young man, "but this is my game."

"Naturally, the surprise caused by the unexpected production of the supposed revolver produced a change in the confident manner in which the robber had confronted the New Yorker, and he started back. Instantly the salesman knocked the knife from his hand, stooped down, picked it up, took the highwayman by the collar before he could escape and marched him before the police authorities. At the preliminary trial of the would-be robber the following morning the guilt of the prisoner was already established, and his commitment was about to follow when he asked if it were not an offense for strangers in the country to carry concealed weapons. He was told that it was. Then he demanded the arrest of the young salesman, charging him with carrying a revolver. The native justice asked the salesman if the charge was true. This was admitted. He was then asked if he still had the weapon concealed on his person. The young man said he had, but pleaded that its possession had the night before prevented a robbery and possibly murder. He was informed that such a circumstance did not alter the case and that he had violated the law.

"The prisoner smiled sardonically on beholding the tight snarl into which the authorities were seemingly drawing the New Yorker, but his mirth turned to disgust when the young man pulled the revolver from his pocket and laid it down before the magistrate. It was nothing but a cologne atomizer fashioned in the shape of a revolver, and it was manufactured in quantity several years ago."—Baltimore Sun.

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