

MOBILE IS AFTER IT.

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"Mobile has tributary to it over 2,000 miles of navigable rivers, all of them having deep harbors, and the iron and limestone region of Alabama. These rivers have been, and are now being, improved, so that a time may come when a short time navigation will be had the coal, coke, ore, etc., by large barges, over the mineral section of the State and Mobile."

The iron and limestone region can be laid down at Mobile is but little more than the expense of moving the same materials from mines to the furnaces, as located in the iron region.

ALABAMA AND HER RAILWAYS.

Asides from river transportation of the mine products, there are three railroads (the Louisville and Nashville, East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia, and Mobile and Ohio) entering the state through which the iron and limestone of extremely low rates for transporting this product could be obtained. If I am correctly informed, the Alabama ores run too high in impurities and sulphur to be used in the Bessemer process, but if mingled with coke, coke, etc., will be used in the blast furnaces, which are now used in Pennsylvania for the manufacture of steel, this combination would produce steel of excellent quality.

It is pronounced the Cuban ores very similar to or even better quality than the iron and limestone of the Alabama, and the combination of Cuban with the Alabama ores produces a fine quality of steel.

There is a market for Cuban iron and steel, and of course, there is an uncertain quantity until it is tested.

The company would like to do.

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NOT DECIDED YET.

Navigational Directors May Act on Their Own Responsibility.

The stockholders of the Monongahela Navigation Company met yesterday to decide whether they would appeal or not from the decision of the Board of Viewers in condemning lock No. 2. They adjourned without coming to any conclusion.

An opinion from Attorney Carnahan was read, in which he held that the directors could appeal without consulting the stockholders. Mr. Carnahan said that the directors held most of the stock, and the holders have no desire to litigate. Mr. Carnahan could not say what the directors would decide to do.

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