

Gold.—It is but recently that machinery has, to any considerable extent, been put into successful operation in this state. We understand that at the mine in Mecklenburg worked by Caldwell and Co. (commonly called the *Salisbury company*) the operation of pulverising the rocks, and washing out the gold, is performed by machinery, driven by horse-power. From fifteen to twenty hands are employed, and the product of their labor is about \$500 worth of Gold weekly.

At *Bissell's* (or *Charleston company's*) mine, the operations are performed by means of horse-power. We are not apprised of the average amount of the precious metal obtained at this place, but understand it does not vary much from that above mentioned.

There are a number of smaller companies, and individuals, who find more or less gold daily, averaging from 25 cents to \$5 per day each hand.

From which, it will be seen that from 1000 to \$1500 worth of the precious metal must weekly be dug from the earth in Mecklenburg county. As might be expected, this infuses life and activity into all branches of business. The heavy pressure which is bowing down the necks of the people of this state, bears but lightly on our brethren in Mecklenburg; and will soon, according to the present course of things, scarcely be felt by them. We are told that every branch of industry seems to be revived there; mechanics, merchants and farmers, begin to wear countenances as pleasing as they did in *better times.*—*Ibid.*