

Commercial Opening Found for Bentonite in Process of De-Inking Waste Paper

Cheyenne, Wyo., June 15.—Large deposits of Bentonite, the claylike substance formed from volcanic ash, used in a process for taking ink from old newspapers, so that they can again be used, exist in six Wyoming counties, and there are many smaller deposits in other counties. Owing to the lack of a market for bentonite the state's production has been small, averaging approximately \$10,000 worth per year.

Charles S. Hill, state commissioner of immigration, tonight declared that

Wyoming could supply the world with bentonite for many years.

"Millions of tons are in sight as the surface," he declared. "Within 48 hours we could begin shipping train-load lots, loading cars with steam shovels."

The state's largest deposits, Commissioner Hill said, are in Bighorn county, but there is also another deposit in Albany county which is almost as great. The chief producing property is at Newcastle. Large deposits are located in Washakie, Carbon, Natrona Weston counties in addition to the Albany and Bighorn supplies.

Commercial Use Of Bentonite Identified

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