

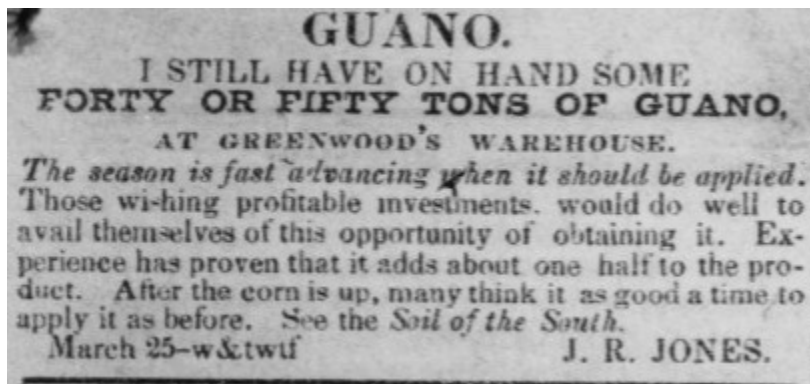
Today in Columbus History: The May 25, 1853, issue of the *Tri-Weekly Times and Sentinel* featured an ad for guano, bat excrement that was used as a fertilizer because of its high content of nitrogen, phosphate and potassium. Western use of guano began in the early 1800s when a Prussian geographer saw its use on a visit to Peru. Its popularity spread and by 1850 guano was being exported to the U.S. It became popular in Columbus beginning around 1852. The history of guano mining is curiously intertwined with whaling, the Irish Potato Famine, and imperialism. For more information check out the Wikipedia article – fascinating! en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guano

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