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THE GATEWAY OF THE N. C. HIGHLANDS.

A Series of Papers on W. N. C. Written for The Topic by B. R. Rambler.

The outlook from the Pinnacle of the Beech, however, is so extensive, so distinctly panoramic, that either to remember or describe it effectively, it will be best to depict it as a succession of separate views, taking in turn the more prominent ranges and summits within ken, as a cen-

tral point for each of these pictures. These dominant summits, in the order of their importance, which depends partly on their proximity as well as altitude, are: First, the great ridge or range of the Grand-father is S. E. or little S. of S. E. Second, its nearest summit-the Cranberry Hump, being hardly more distant than the Grandfather-18 the great Roan group—approximately W 3 S. W. Third, The Black Mts. long massive aplifts, about South West. In a line with the left or south end of the Black rises the nearer Great Toe Mt. (Bright's Yellow.) Fourth, the Elk and Snake, about North East. - The N. C. and Tennessee State lines corner on the last named.

These are the more prominent summits, as though White Top, Va. (indeed the three States-N. C., Tenn. and Va. can each of them claim a share of this Bald) N. E 1 N.—is about the same elevation as the Beech itself (say 5500 feet), its distance is so great that it forms, with its higher neighbor east of it (Mt. Rogers), but a minor feature in this grand panorama of peaks and plains.

So, too, the longer but lower Clinch Mt., Va., which is dimly seen to the left of White Top and much more remote, and whose S.W. end must be lost behind the nearer masses of the Roan. To the right of the Roan, and this side of this far wall of the Clinch, itself though dim and distant, readily recognizable, is the Chimney Top of Sullivan county, Tenn., somewhat West of N. W. And even more remote, in an opposite direction, is the sharp, cliff-crowned crest of the Pilot Mt. of Surry county, N. C., some 10 to 12 degrees North of East. As the crow flies, this summit must be fully eighty miles from the Beech, and yet even beyond the Pilot, far billows faintly seen, must be the Sauratown Mts. some 10 or 12 miles further eastwards. Even the Pilot, however, can be seen only when the atmosphere is exceptionally clear, as for instance, just after the breaking up of rainy weather, when it seems almost possible that with good eyes one could see round the corner; as indeed many must be able to do, if all the local authorities can be relied on, in the descriptions they give of what can be seen from their "owney

doney" pet peaks. On the Roan they will tell you Look Out, near Chattanooga, can be seen; and on Look Out, soaring to even bolder heights, they will unblushingly point out the Roan to you, or perhaps eyen Mt. Mitchell itself, and the vast number of States claimed to be visible from many summits of no great altitude, would justify one in assuming that Rhode Island was one of the biggest of our Pro-Consulates. The descriptions of the average mountain guide are about as reliable as those very "poetic effusions" which we can lump under the heading of "Fisher-

men's Facts." In a direction between the South end of the Blacks and the West end of the Grandfather, a long massive ridge, with an abrupt bluff at its eft or southerly end, is the Humpback at the head of the North Cove of Catawba; its direction is about South, or perhaps little West of South. A much more distant summit, a triple wave-like crest, seen just to the left (though nearly in line) of this bluff of the Humpback is Wood's Knob, this side of which he the wide levels of Turkey Cove.

To the right of the Grandfather's Knuckles, but a good deal to the left, that is further eastwards, than the Humpback, about little east of South, is Table Rock, readily recogpizable by the great precipice that crowns it with a diadem of rock. The even more picturesque Chimney Mt. (at the base of whose grand line of precipices rise the Towers of Linville), just beyond it, (South of it) cannot of course be seen, but beyond the Table and the nearer sharp beak of the Hawksbill, there are glimpses (only) of the Linville Mts., which wall in that grand canyon on its western sid. The Ehseeohla Mts. (to which Hawksbill, Table, Chimney and Short Off all belong) form the eastern and bolder walls of the

Beyond the left, or easterly end of the Grandfather, about 10 to 15 degrees South of East, Blowing Rock can be seen, as well as several of its hotels. In this direction, below, and far beyond the dim billows of the Blue Ridge, which is here distinctly recognizable as the bevelled edge of a rugged mountain-crowned plateau, extends a wide sweep of horizon level as an ocean, and looking as softly serene as the sunniest of seas. Indeed, the Atlantic, when seen from a distance, gives you a horizon line that looks strangely solid; whilst these far lowlands have an

Lower Linville.

etherial softness that mates them with the skies, into which they at last seem to melt and merge, as though heaven and earth were one and indivisible. To enumerate all the peaks and

points of interest visible from the Pinnacle of the Beech would take a volume; and the only practical way of getting a fair idea of the wide panorama extended in every direction, and evolving a definite plan out of the apparent chaos of mountains and valleys, is to engage a good guide, though I very much doubt, with the exception of S. Monroe Dugger, if one could be found even among those who were born within sight of its summit, between Elk and Ogle. With a compass and this Guide Book of ours, one could compass the object perhaps with moderate success, as the four dominant groups or summits, already named, (with compass points given) would serve as landmarks to a measurable degree; and a short stay at Dugger's, or some other of the farm houses in the valley, would familiarize one at least with the neighboring crests, viz: Hanging Rock, Ragged Ridge, Cloven Cliff, Sugar Mt., Blood Camp and others. But there are half a dozen gigantic billows forming the Roan group. Beyond Elk and Snake are the mountains of Ashe county; and beyond Grand-father and Table Rock are the South Mountains, and still more distant, and further westwards, the ranges that wall in the Hickory Nut Gap, next to the lower Linville probably the finest canyon in our Highlands. Even more distant, and southwards from these, in very clear weather, Tryon can be seen and the Saluda Mountains in S. C.; and perhaps on might be able to catch a glimpse even of Walden's Ridge of the Cumberlands, though it must be remembered that between the Clinch and the great sandstone plateau of the Cumberlands, intervene several other long and parallel ranges. That any glimpse even of Kentucky or of West Virginia can be caught is very doubtful, as the Clinch and other high ranges intervene, and between the Beech and the nearest mountains in Georgia rises the most elevated range in Western N. C., that of the Blacks, so called because their upper slopes are covered with dense forests

of the sombre balsam (firs.) But from the Beech, at least four States can doubtless be seen, viz :-Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, of course, and a small corner of S. C., far away to the southwards, or perhaps a little West of South If any one could "ring in" Kentucky it would have to be, we fancy, with the help of a spy-glass, or even perhaps another sort of glass would do it, if filled to the brim with "mountain dew," as that beverage is credited with enabling one to "see

double" on very slight provocation. Perhaps the most effective point of view from the Beech is looking towards the Blacks, as the whole range from Tater Top or Clingman's at the South to Celo at the North end of the range, are defined sharply in profile; whilst this side of them. the great isolated tiled roof-like ridge of the great Toe mountain, with its nearer sharp-crested outlyers the two spear tops, effectively fills the middle distance, and beyond and just to the right of Celo, faint and far is the tilted tent of one of the Craggy's. Even beyond this is Yeates Knob, and Ogle Mt., still further the Big Bald, near Flag-Pond, and yet more remote the Iron Mt. (or Smokies) this side of Greenville, Tenn.

Just under you (but how far unier?) as you look towards the long crag-crowned ridge of the Grandfather, lies the peaceful hamlet of Banner Elk, with its scattered farm houses, its level meadows of green where cattle browse lazily, and sheep nibble the white clover, and you fancy you can almost hear the whispering ripples of Shonnyhaw or the louder laughter of the Enohla cas-

cades of Elk. Then the Bald of the Beech itself is quite a gem in its way, leaving all of the "latest improvements," of course, among others (besides a spring that lasts all summer and winter, too,) a rain-roost of the most massive architecture, and where one can defy the attacks of that "wetter 'un"-the "clerk of the weather," however loud he may thunder or however anxious he may be to "throw cold water on your efforts" or dampen your spirits, though a little dampness is not inadmissable, if you are disposed to invoke the "spirits" that lurk in the fastnesses of these mountains, taken too "straight," strange to say, is apt to make a fellow go crooked, which sounds hardly more strange, than that a fellow of loose habits is often apt to be—

This Bald of the Beech is a little grassy glade, crowned with gray crags, and hedged round by a forest of small beech and the grotesquely picturesque birch, with their great sub-erial roots twisting and twining oyer and under the rocks like great tawny serpents. Then there are clumps of Rhododendron (Mt. laurel) and of Kalmia (Mt. joy), huckleberries and chokeberries, and more beautiful then all, the graceful Mt. Maple, and the sunny green and feathery foliage of the fairy-like Mt.

Ash, that late in the season shows clusters of scarlet berries, brilliant as gems. Then, sitting on the Pinnacle, or the rounded mass of the Roc's Egg, you look over a world in wonderland, where the nearer hills are all of emerald, and the further mountains all of lapislazuli and the vales as blue as beds of violets. Then a rapid descent, of an hour and a half or less, after which refreshments in the shape of a mess of trout, or buxom buckwheat cakes with home-made maple syrup, washed down by bumpers of frothy buttermilk fresh from the churn.

From Banner Elk as a centre, a dozen pleasant excursions can be

made.

In the first place, only - miles distant, is Linville City, where the lords of Linville live, and though they cater chiefly to capitalists, they are disposed to give a hospitable welcome even to a common, every day tourist on two legs, though the fashionable way, of course, is to go on all-fours, (saddle-back you know.) The grandeurs of the Lower Linville have already been touched upon, but the Upper Linville Falls is a fall indeed, a cascade long ago cayed in, and now but a faint reminder of what it was some 20 or 30 years ago. Then the neighboring inn is kept by one of the most closefisted of hosts; he waters even the milk for his guests, whilst he gulps down himself the unadulterated cow joice with the cream attached. and to four hungry boarders he grudges a flitch of bacon four inches square; which is hardly square, as he never forgets to charge full rates. Of course no one will omit the ascent of the Grandfather by Kelsev's curves, as you can go at a trot, in a sudden clearance of clouds after a | the Balds below the Knuckles, passcrest, there is a grand cavern, which should be called Hugh's House, though I believe it has been officially titled "the cave of the Ustagala." The Grandfather hotel is only miles distant, a mere stone's throw and any sound summerer could make the transit in one hour and 30

minutes. This, too, is the short line

to the Pinnacle of the Grandfather.

and the table of that well known

hostelrie has always the best of

country fare. Blowing Rock is only

miles off, and there you can

"pick your palace and pay your price," as they have hotels and boarding houses to suit all tastesfrom bad to better, and perhaps-to best. The yiews near Blowing Rock are very fine, and one great advantage (to many) is that you haven't got to climb to get them, you have them from the roadside, or just lift your window, and there towers the Grandfather, and yonder rise the Table and the Hawksbill, and below you spreads the amethystine world of the lowland, from Lenoir to Morganton or to Hickory and beyond. Then there is, some -- miles distant, the Snake Mt. (or Big Peak) and its noble neighbor, Elk Knob, down whose slopes leaps and laughs that roaring, rollicking mountain streamlet—Tumblin' Fun. Then near Boone (it is hardly a mile to its crest from the court house) is How ard's Knob, on which stands that wonderful pillar of rock known as Sampson's Chimney, and from which one gets one of the most effective views of the Grandfather. Near the Snake, too, is the Rich Mt. Bald and a short day's ride from it is White Top, Va. Then the Blacks are not very distant, and the rainy, rainy Roan even nearer, near the latter is Hawk Mt. and the Little Yellow, in fact quite a family of "yallers" There is a grand view from the great Toe River mountain, (Bright's Yellow) and much more easily ascended is the Doe Hill, from which one gets perhaps the most complete view of the Blacks-from

the Celo at its North end. But whether you want a good rest or a good ramble, there are not many places where one more pleasantly survive the "dog days" than among these picturesque and healthful Highlands in Watauga county; and Banner Elk is the "gate-way"-one pillar of this great portal being the Grandfather and the other the big and beautiful Beech.

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"Strike a light, Paddy, so we can see where we are.' "Shure an' I wud, sor; but divil a wan can I see to sthrike."

"All that I am or ever hope to be I owe to my wife," said Marrowfat.
"That's right," retorted Hicks.
"Blame everything on your wife.
It's the manly thing to do."

"Hello, Mawsar. Haven't seen you in an age. "What are you doing now ?"

"Sitting here."

An Allianceman's Card.

The Montgomery Advertiser publishes a card by Mr. H. H. Hall, a prominent Allianceman of Elmore county, Ala., announcing his withdrawal from that organization, and giving his reasons therefor. We think that the reader will recognize in some of these reasons practices which have been resorted to in Georgia as well as Alabama. Mr. Hall, having been a member of the Alliance, is probably better informed as to the methods and objects of its leaders than outsiders can be, but outsiders have also been observing the drift of which he speaks, and have arrived at a pretty correct opionion as to the ultimate object of

The following are Mr. Hall's reasons for the step he has taken : 1. Because it is advocating the adoption of measures violating fundamental principles which I have always and do yet believe to be just and right. 2. Because in its advocacy of those

these leaders.

measures it has become intolerant, denominating those of its members who cannot indorse them as Judases and traitors. 3. Because its members are ex-

pected to think for themselves only when in line with the plans mapped out by a certain select few. 4. Because while declaring itself to be "the Democratic party," it

has nothing but abuse and calumny for that party and its leaders, there-by indicating its insincerity as well as unfriendliness to the Democracy. 5. Because by persistently vilifying and belictling the Democratic some frosty morning in winter, or a light buggy, from Linville City to | party and insidiously holding it responsible for Republican misdeeds. prolonged rain in summer, one | ing Donald's Crag; and above, near | it has developed its intention to destroy it by gradually undermining it in the affections and confidence of

the people. 6. Because its present attitude is antagonistic to Democracy and its principles, with the strongest indications of a fixed purpose to land in the "third party" in time for the federal elections next year.

7. Because the most important of its original principles are violated and its purposes and aims so completely subverted that while declaring itself non-political it has degenerated into a mere political machine not yet attaining to the dignity of a

These are the reasons which actuate me, honestly entertained and as honestly expressed; and I will not go contrary to my convictions of what is right and just, though it bring down the maledictions of the whole brotherhood upon my de fenseless head. H. H. HALL.

At the Farm.

As we get deeper into farming, we feel that our experience should be given to the world.

In currying the geese this morn-ing, the Old Lady broke a currycomb valued at six-bits. The way to handle a currycomb is to pull from you. The teeth should be filed as often as once a month. Never draw the currycomb to you, the teeth being flexible they will expand.

Our razor-back hog, which we have called Col. Polk, lost his tail. A house painter plucked it and sent it to headquarters.

Yams should be varnished early and this will save them from Pant-

Tuberculosus in hogs should not be overlooked. Apply while hot two gallons of corn whiskey to the man who attends them.

The heaves in ducks can be cured by heaving a brick at your neighbor's dog. Do not let your plow rust. Let it

Sow fall beets early. Sue dead beats early. A sewing society like that should be started early. If the peach tree looks rocky, take

away the rocks. Pickles should be put in brine and then place them tenderly in vinegar.

Lock the wood house at night, if you want wood for breakfast in the morning. See that the dead cats are not

thrown in the well. If they are, swipe them out. These and other rules will be printed from time to time. N. B.—Do not forget that

horse radish should be curried and you should feet it on oats. Dr. Johnson exhibits a beet of the dead or red variety, and it weighs six hundred pounds. It was grown on the farm of a gentleman who pays but little attention to beets or the beet would have been much larger.

The exposition was a success yesterday, according to the Raleigh papers. A Man from New York went out and Looked At It. A few more walrus tusks will be taken on subscription.

Eels with skins on 'em will be taken by the management on subscription.

Ha, pretty maiden, where have you I've been to London to see the Queen. Ho, pretty maiden, what did you do? I collared a duke, sir, and married him, too.

Charming North Carolina Resort.

SIR: I am just back from a fortnight's tour in the monutains of North Carolina and Tennessee, and it seems to me a public-spirited thing to say to those of your readers who are fond of fine landscape and to whom the White Mountains and the Adirondacks are a twice told tale, and if they do likewise they will have their reward. Nothing can be easier or freer from hardships of any kind. Tickets to Asheville from New York and return can be bought for thirty dollars; and from Asheville to Monnt Mitchell, the highest peak east of the Rockies, can be reached, ascended (on horseback, if need be,) and the return made in two days. The walk up Mitchell's peak is the most beautiful forest walk (only five hours) I ever made. From Asheville, or still better Hot Springs, only a few miles farther west on the same road, the foot of Roan Mountain can be reached in a day by rail, via Morristown and Johnson City. The only disagreeable part of the whole journey is a stupid wait of three hours in the second rate Tennessee town of Morristown. The famous Johnson City and Cranberry Railroad brings one in a couple of hours to Roan Mountain Station. This railroad is perhaps the wildest and most romantic little narrow-gauge concern that the world contains, being hewn for the most part in the solid vertical walls of a gorge down which a mountain torrent flows. One can get to the top of Roan Mountain either by stage, by horse, or on foot; and there one finds magnificent views, and a large and fairly good hotel. Coming down, and proceeding some eight miles to Cranberry an iron mine, with an exquisite little sylvan hotel,) one takes the stage

All you readers have heard of Asheville; perhaps not twenty have heard either of Linville or of Blowing Rock. Linville is simply the most high-toned and gentlemanly "land enterprise" o be found on the continent. S me 25 squ miles of beautiful wilderness have been bought; between thirty and forty miles of road have been built, and as many more staked out for building, and a charming modern hotel has been put up This, with nine Queen Anne cottages, an icehouse, a stable and a small store and post-office, and some macadamized avenues in the square clearing, which forms the centre of the hopedfor town, are all that the visitor finds. Around them the primeval forest waves, and the eternal mountains stand. It is Eden before the advent of the serpent. Not a loafer, not a discordant touch of tone. The level is is about 4,000 feet above the sea, and the air, perfumed as it is with the forest-breath, is delicious. The roads are wonderfully laid out. The planner of the scheme, Mr. S. T. Kelsey, seems to have a genius for this work, and the result is mile upon mile of evenly graded zigzags in various directions, opening out at every turn, views of extraordinary beauty. These are the only roads in America which resemble the great Swiss roads. Alas, that they must as yet be of clay instead of macadam! If the twenty miles drive from Cranberry to Linville are delightful, what shall be said of those from Linville to Blowing Rock? They run through the forest over the mountain sides, al! the way by one of these wonderful roads, and must be seen to be appreciated. Blowing Rock is a sort of inland Mount Desert in its early ante-fashionable days. Somewhat chactic, a little rough and crowded in its accommodations, with 600 visitors there when I passsed through, mostly young people having a "good time," it bids fair to be a great summer resort ere long. Ten years ago it was wholly unknown to the outer world. It is a broad ridge over 4 -600 feet above sea level, with good roads in many directions, and with views that are simply magnificent

opening out at every turn. If one just wants to see the quality of the North Carolina mountain country, let him take a ticket to Hickory on the Richmond and Danville Railroad, and proceed up to Blowing Rock the next morning, and thereafter to Linville the Ideal. But if one have twelve days at one's disposal, the whole trip, as I have described it, can be easily made. It leaves on the mind the impression of simplicity and richness combined. A multitudinous ocean of lofty hills. a virgin forest of surpassing beauty, and an atmosphere of intensely colored light. Two weeks of "heavenup-histedness," to use the expression of an old Ad rondack guide We Northern tourists make a great mistake in not going farther away from home. September must be an admirable month for the trip. But late June or early July will show the woods all ablaze with the rhododen drons and azaleas. Chocorua, N. H., August 31.

Mr. Hashaw -Do you take much interest in politics, Miss Prettipet ? Miss Prettipet-Oh, yes. I think the candied dates are just too sweet!

He-Did you know the yestry had engaged the new minister? She (excitedly)—To whom?

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