

HERE ARE THE FACTS

That show to Investors where to Place their Money.

"BURNING TICKETING" ABOUT MOUNT AIRY IS TRUE BUT TRUTHFUL, TATTLE ABOUT OUR CITY'S DUCY RATTLE.

People are tired of booms.

The word has long since been declared a menace to solid prosperity. Our lovely young city under the shadow of the Blue Ridge, whose people are quickened to activity by the invigorating mountain breezes, has never sought to deceive the investor by any steering of a buncous fashion.

We recognize that the day of booms is past and men of means have learned lessons bought with the precious price called experience.

Accepting the declaration of the Manufacturer's Record that "Western North Carolina is destined to become the Sanitarium of the world," and the declaration of the Pittsburgh, Pa., Dispatch that "Southwestern Virginia and Western North Carolina have the brightest future of all this Southern country," it is evident to even the casual observer that Mount Airy, situated on central ground and with the advantages described further on, is the future metropolis of this rich and growing section.

To blow and puff and keep on blowing and puffing is the only means some towns have used to gain the attention of the public. Facts are the stubbliest things yet struck and these are what we intend to present.

THE QUESTION:—WHY IS MOUNT AIRY THE PLACE? Because,

1. Asheville is growing because it is in a mountain section where resorters spend the seasons. Winston is on the grow, pushed forward by her great tobacco factories. Mount Airy, therefore, must be eventually greater than either, because (a) her climate surpasses that of Asheville and (b) Surry and Patrick counties raise better tobacco for plug manufacturing than do the counties around Winston. For proof of the first ask any physician that has lived as long as two weeks in both places. And for proof of the second enquire of unprejudiced plug dealers.

2. Mount Airy is the trading centre for eight counties, four in Virginia and four in North Carolina. Four tobacco and four stock raising counties find here a thrifty market. Situated near the State line at the end of a great railway running to two deep water ports, this city is the shipping point for thirty miles around.

3. Without any unusual effort on the part of its citizens, the population of the place has doubled in five years. It is now about 2,500, and at the present rate of increase, Mount Airy will have near 20,000 souls when 1900 shall roll another century around.

4. Within a few weeks an election is to be held upon the question of issuing \$50,000 in bonds for the paving of our streets and the location of an electric light plant. The vote will be almost unanimous in the affirmative, and as granite is already here in abundance, paving can be done much cheaper than at any other place.

5. If there was nothing else here to base our calculations of a great city upon than the wonderful granite quarries, that would, in itself, be sufficient to induce the investment of capital in our midst. Just two miles northeast of the town lies the greatest granite formation yet heard of in this country. Experts have actually surveyed 45 acres and it is probable that if its depth was up to their expectations it would be found over one hundred acres of solid granite. It is estimated by some that it would take a thousand men many hundred years to exhaust the supply. It is fine for paving purposes and the Mount Airy Granite Company is working it to advantage.

6. Next to be provided here two noted mineral springs, the most celebrated being the Mount Airy White Sulphur whose water is said to be equal in purity to that of the Green White Sulphur in Virginia. The erection of the Blue Ridge Land is its successful management; the opening of a through line to Charleston, together with the end of Mr. C. B. Jordan, has brought here this summer several hundred healthy South Carolina people who have become delighted with the climate and scenery and are investing heavily in the place. The chalybeate spring also adds to the reputation of the place as a resort for the sick. The Blue Ridge Land wind around for a semi-circle and the views are simply sublime.

7. A company composed mostly of South Carolina people with a capital stock of \$60,000, was recently formed, which purchased twelve

shares of Granite City Land and Improvement Company stock. The latter company then purchased the White Sulphur Springs property, which consisted of 300 acres surrounding the springs and hotel. This they will beautify and, upon an eminence, erect a handsome modern resort hotel of Queen Anne style. A dummy line will also be constructed, and by next summer all will be ready for the increasing crowds.

8. At present Mount Airy is contenting herself with being a terminal point, accumulating and growing from the strength of a great back country. In a year and a half she will have amassed strength enough to take a bound when her railroads come. And just at that time three, four or five roads will be near our suburbs. The Norfolk & Western building here from Iron Ridge, Va., is graded nearly to the Virginia line. The survey over the Blue Ridge is one of the greatest pieces of civil engineering on record. It winds around and loops in several places before it crosses the range. The scenery is said to surpass that along the Pennsylvania road. This road will place Mount Airy and the magnetic iron fields of Surry in direct and close connection with the great Pocahontas Coal Fields and as the U. S. Geological Surveyors declare that no where in the County scarcely can they keep the needle pointing right it is evident that developments must follow. It is about certain that in the early part of next year the Statesville Air Line will be constructed South from this place. The Danville and East Tennessee is under contract from Danville, Va., to Bristol, Tenn., to pass through Mount Airy, and there is a strong probability of the Danville and Western being extended from Stuart, Va., to this point. The following fact, together with the preceding will convince the reasoning man that Mount Airy is destined to become a Railroad Centre. The last by no means the least fact that proves the foregoing is the position this city holds with reference to the Blue Ridge range. For miles and miles up and down the range there is no gap sufficiently low for railroads to pass through. Four railroad companies are striving to build across the Blue Ridge and it has been found too great an undertaking. Low Gap is just in front of Mount Airy. It is the only point through which railroads can successfully penetrate the range, and this city, situated as the door-way to the Gap, must reap the advantages customary.

The above are only a few facts gathered in haste. At a later day we will enlarge upon them.

WHAT MOUNT AIRY HAS.

The past is an earnest of the future. The following enterprises are now established:—

Judge Montgomery and other prominent attorneys have been employed to defend the Motz boys now in jail at Lincolnton for attempt at killing the seducer of their sister, with which sad affair scoundrels tried to connect the name of Evansel Fife.

The Sherrill Brothers of Concord have purchased from Mr. M. K. Gray the subscription books, good will, etc., of the Lexington Observer and that paper and the Dispatch have been consolidated. Both the papers will hereafter appear under the name and title of the Davidson Dispatch.

FIRST CHANCE TO INVEST. The first big chance to invest money in this vigorous young city will be offered on September 9th and 10th.

On these days the Central Land and Improvement Company, operated by the Messrs Moore who are among the oldest citizens of the place, will offer for sale some of the finest city property that has ever been upon any market. It is partly the estate of the late J. F. Moore which has been divided into lots by the company and marked off for the grand sale on September 9th and 10th. This Central Land Company's lands lie in the heart of town and the most beautiful lots are on the principal streets. In all there are thirty-five and from a residence erected on almost any one of them a glorious view of the Blue Ridge for a hundred miles can be enjoyed. The lots on Main Street are situated so as to be highly valuable as business lots in a year or so, while the twelve lots on Pine Street and the six on Franklin cannot be surpassed as places of residence. They lie upon high rolling ground commanding the most splendid scenery and will double in value quicker than any property so far offered.

The fact that the grand sales of the Granite City Land & Improvement Co. are to follow sometime in the fall and spring makes it more urgent for investors of capital to place it in these lands that will be ready to receive the impetus given by the sales later on. Mount Airy is the place and every one is recognizing the fact. The judicious investor must know it to his advantage to buy now before the town booms and founds before the swell comes, will be the one to see his own pocket swell.

Remember the dates are September 9th and 10th, and the sales will be genuine. Mr. Matt. D. Moore, Secretary of the Central Land Company will answer all inquiries.

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THE SISTER STATES.

Carolina and Virginia News
Packed in Paragraphs.

Efforts and Energies, Incidents and Industries, Accidents and Achievements.

A Lutheran Church will be built in Winston at an early day.

Mr. T. C. Woodburn has begun the publication of the Siler City Herald.

At Elizabeth City last week Thomas Godwin, a young son of Mr. J. E. Godwin, was drowned.

Another handsome collection has been donated to the Museum at Trinity College. It is valued at \$500.

R. E. Oatman, treasurer of the Brauning Lumber Co., of Edenton, has fallen short in his accounts some \$12,000.

Anson county commissioners have refused to grant liquor license to anyone. It is said that the jail will soon be sold.

Deputy Revenue Collector Fields reports the capture near Milton last week of a 50-gallon still, operated by two moonshiners.

Mr. Fred Johnson, an ex-school teacher, has taken charge of the Madison Leader, Mr. Jno. R. Webster's paper. He is a good writer.

Gov. Thos. M. Holt will move into the Executive Mansion on September 1st. At that time it will have been vacant for four months.

gate the case, writes that the proof is conclusive and that Ney's admirers in France are going to erect a monument over his grave.

THE OLD DOMINION.

An even thousand of striped rats inhabit the Virginia State Penitentiary.

Drummer Evangelist W. P. Fife, of North Carolina, is conducting a highly interesting meeting in Chat-ham, Va.

Wm. J. Penn, (Dem.) has been nominated for the Legislature by that portion of Botetourt county voters desiring the court house removed from Newcastle to Buchanan.

In the contest over the election of Supervisor in a Campbell county township, Judge Horsley reversed the decision of the lower court and declared Col. Hutter, Dem., entitled to the office over Wright, Rep.

The Virginia Alliance in session at Richmond last week adopted the Ocala Platform and called on the Representatives in Congress to give them the Sub-Treasury bill or something better. The News begins to suggest that "something better along that line" is what we want.

Thos. Fon (alias Dennis Grinnell), James Hale and Geo. Clarke, who robbed the postoffices at Farmville, Berryville, Quicksburg, Sheridan and Waynesboro, Va., and Charlestou, W. Va., have at last been convicted and sentenced to the National prison, the two first for ten and the last for fifteen years.

IT WAS A FAKE.

Mr. W. P. Fife corrects a False Statement Reflecting

Upon Him.

Though rather late, yet in justice to Evangelist Fife, we publish the following letter written by him to the Charlotte Chronicle concerning the reported falsehood about his desire to fight a duel with Judge Schenck:

MOUNT VERNON SPRINGS, N. C., Aug. 18.—Editor of the Chronicle:

Upon my return from the Northern Bible Conference last week I found a report going the rounds of the press that Judge Schenck and myself were arranging to fight a duel.

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was burning some paper in a fireplace recently when two dynamite caps went off, lodging in her flesh, producing painful wounds. The caps were placed there by mischievous boys.

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