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## BEAUTIES OF MOUNTAINS

Many Visitors This Season—Some Enjoyable Excursions to Different Points

(Special From St. John Hotel.)

Hendersonville, N. C., Aug. 20.—A man who has traveled largely was heard to remark a few days ago that Hendersonville was the "play-ground of the south." To see the crowds daily pouring into this little city set upon a plateau among the most glorious mountains of the "Land of the Sky" is to fully believe this statement.

The hotel hacks and carriages, which meet each train, carry back their full load of passengers. It seems that every hotel and boarding house is full. Certainly the St. John Hotel ever enjoyed a greater popularity. Formerly known as The Gates it has been for some time the leading hotel of Hendersonville. A handsome building of pebbled stucco, so popular in this section of the country, with wide, well shaded verandas, it is well situated on 1/2 Main street, right in the heart of the business section. A part of Hendersonville's "Great White Way," the crowds continually surge past its doors. A seat on the piazza offers one plenty of amusement and the seats are never long vacant.

Under the proprietorship of St. John and Son the hotel this summer is more popular even than in former years. They have had wide experience in the hotel business and are past masters in the art of caring for their guests. The hotel lobby, itself a cheerful and attractive sitting room, presents an animated and home-like appearance. Eron's orchestra plays during the usual hours and during the evenings and the music adds much to the pleasure of life in the hotel.

Horse back riding, motoring and driving are favorite pastimes, while many spend their mornings playing cards, reading or in various ways that suit the fancy. In the evenings the ball room claims the larger share of the crowd.

Among the guests are a few more energetic ones, who finding the charm of the mountains restles, armed with kodaks and alpenstocks, spend the mornings tramping over the mountain roads and climbing to giddy heights where a gorgeous panorama of mountain peaks and fertile valleys is the reward.

Miss Susan Iden, society editor of The Raleigh Times, and Mrs. Mattie Culpepper, of Wilson, who are guests at the St. John, have been declared the champion walkers of the hotel. They had not been guests at the hotel many days before they had discovered many of the most beautiful of the mountain roads. Their latest feat was the trip to Jump Off Mountain, five miles distant from Hendersonville. Taking the dummy street car about 10:30 one morning they rode out to Laurel Park beginning the walk to Jump

Off at 11 a. m. Determined to surprise their friends at the hotel by being back in time for lunch, the trip was made in three hours, it being two o'clock exactly when they returned from the park.

The mountain road beginning in a steep ascent in the park, leading through Fairy Lane, wound through a succession of beautiful shady glades, crossed now and then by gushing mountain streams of ice cold water, until at last the goal was reached a great mass of rock at an altitude of 3,000 feet overhanging a valley of wondrous beauty. The climb to the rock was a steep one but the view that waited at the top was well worth the effort. A great panorama of mountain peaks and ranges, with peaceful quiet valleys lay stretched out as far as the eye could reach. Mount Pisgah, Hog Back and even the far distant peak of Mount Mitchell may be distinguished, while just below is the French Broad valley. This is one of the most accessible points of interest around Hendersonville and the trampers came back enthusiastic. Their stay had been shortened on the rock by the heavy cloud approaching in the valley and the continual rumbling of thunder. They arrived at the hotel tired and sunburned but delighted with the trip and what they had seen. At lunch the great mass of wild flowers they had gathered along the road, graced the center of their table. More than a dozen different kinds, gorgeous tiger lilies, black eyed Susans, clematis, golden rod, daisies and many other less familiar blossoms made up a beautiful bouquet.

Saturday and Sunday the St. John was filled to its utmost capacity, entertaining about 300 guests. This is the most that have been registered at one time during the summer. The crowd is constantly changing, new guests arriving to take the places of those who are leaving, the greater number, however being from South Carolina. The first question usually asked a stranger is "Are you from South Carolina?" It seems that the "Land of the Sky" for the summer months. And a very wise move it is too, for a more beautiful land could not be found.

### BRIDE SAILS WITHOUT HIM

Murray Consents to Her Trip While He Resumes Seat in Congress.

Boston, Aug. 20.—Married Monday, the bride of Congressman William F. Murray sailed Wednesday on the Cymric for Europe, while the congressman went to Washington to attend to his legislative duties. From the deck of the steamship Congressman and Mrs. Murray responded to the cheers and waving of friends as the Cymric swung out into the stream. Down the harbor Murray bade farewell to his bride and returned on a tug.

Mrs. Murray, when Miss Mary A. Lappen, had booked passage with a relative a month ago, and it was decided that she should make the trip as planned.

### Blamed a Good Worker.

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## GUTHRIE WITH THE MOOSERS

He Is Pleased With Outlook For the New Party

(Special to The Times.)

Durham, Aug. 20.—Major W. A. Guthrie, former leader and warhorse of the populist party in North Carolina, has again put on political armor and is now taking an active interest in the Bull Moose party. The major has just returned from a meeting of the state progressive committee where he took an active part, and he is enthusiastic over the showing that party is making in this state. He says that the new party will run miles ahead of the republican party ticket in North Carolina, but declined to make a statement as to his vote in comparison with that of the democrats, though one can tell from the major's talk that he expects his new love to make it interesting for the dominant party at the November election. The major is well versed in political lore, and knows many of the ins and outs of the game, but he has never deserted the ranks of populism which he championed nearly a score of years ago so fervently in this state.

### Dr. Mims to Leave.

Dr. Edwin Mims, former professor of English at Trinity College, and up until the close of this year's work occupying that position at the University of North Carolina, now professor elect at English at Vanderbilt University, delivered an address to the Baracas and their friends at Trinity Methodist church Sunday morning. He has a reputation throughout the south as one of the ablest lecturers, and an announcement that he is to speak always insures a large audience for him. Sunday was no exception and he was heard by a packed house. He leaves this state in a short while for Vanderbilt, and it is with profound regret that his friends give him up to Tennessee.

### Little Girl Improving.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lanier who was accidentally shot and seriously wounded by a little playmate last Friday, is reported to show signs of improvement, and the attending doctors have hopes of her ultimate recovery.

### No Drunks in Recorder's Court.

For the first Monday in many months, or for that fact any other day, recorder's court docket did not have a drunk on it yesterday. There were seventeen cases and twenty-three defendants, but not one had the charge of drunkenness against him. The cases presented nothing unusual, being small affairs, craps-shooters and others of this character, none of which merited more than a fine exceeding ten dollars.

### Hugging Case in Court.

A case is set for trial today that will probably bring out some interesting and sensational evidence. A young man will be tried for hugging a young girl without her consent. Several cases of this kind have come up recently in the courts of other states and it has been held that it was a crime to hug a young lady without her consent. In the case that is to be tried here today, maybe, the young man had been paying court to the young woman for some time, and thinking his suit was progressing satisfactorily, he attempted to hug her. She not only resented these advances, but had a warrant issued for him on the charge of assault. Both sides have employed lawyers and a hot fight is expected.

Once in a great while love's labor is lost, but more often it is misplaced.

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### FROM BLOWING ROCK

Civic League Hunting and Opening Up New Beauty Spots.

(By Old Hurraygraph.)

Green Park Hotel, Green Park, N. C., Aug. 20.—To use the language of the queen of Sheba, when she visited Solomon, "the half has not been told" of this wonderful, beautiful Blowing Rock country, and the grandeur of its scenery, which lies in north western North Carolina, and rivals the beauty of anything to be seen in Switzerland. It has not yet been opened up fully to the outside world. The scope of its possibilities for loveliness are unlimited. It will be revealed in time, as esthetic eyes are now hunting out other beauty spots and bits of scenery which have not been revealed by the forest growth upon the mountains, and in the valleys, and these will be made accessible by walks cut through the native growth, and graded in a manner to make the walk delightful. This is the object of the Blowing Rock Civic League, which is now actively at work with this object in view. A "gardens party" was held Saturday evening to start the fund for this new development, and the ladies having it in charge raised by this means \$123.87. The Blowing Rock people and the summer visitors are enthusiastic over this new move to still further add to the beauty of this section and display to the visitor what nature really has in store in these mountains for the delectation of the beholder.

A new inspiration has come over the village of Blowing Rock. It is to be made more beautiful. The bank of Blowing Rock has in contemplation the erection of a new and modern building for its business—a two-story block of the latest design. Mr. George A. Moore tells me the matter is now being planned and will be perfected in the near future. The Episcopal congregation has been called to meet in a body to take steps for the erection of a new church in the village of Blowing Rock. The present church is on the mountain side, and used only two months in the year, and with a resident pastor, it is thought to be more accessible to the general public to have a house of worship in the village where services may be held more conveniently.

The hundred or more guests of the Green Park hotel were highly entertained Sunday evening by musical renditions by Mrs. W. M. Morgan of Fayetteville, and Miss Antoinette Glenn of Winston-Salem. The music was sweet and thrilling. The vocal selections by Mrs. Morgan, "Beautiful Home on High," a new version of "Rock of Ages," and others, was felicitously and beautifully rendered in her fine soprano voice, and most delightfully were they enjoyed by her many admirers. Miss Glenn in "One Fine Day," from "Madame Butterfly," "The Rosary," "Savannah," by Ly. Forge, and "Will-o'-the-Wisp," by Sprouss, were exquisitely rendered and were a marvelous revelation of magnificent vocalism, and showed the wondrous flexibility of her finely cultivated soprano voice in all the lustrous becomings of its brilliant beauty and power. The delicious carolings of those bird-like channels of song rippled forth as musically as the strains of Blowing Rock's spring-tuned woodland minstrelsy, and floated through the senses as sweetly as the odor of blooming flowers.

### APPROVED BY SENATE

Has Unanimously Endorsed the Foreign Commission of the Southern Commercial Congress. Washington, Aug. 20.—The senate has unanimously endorsed the foreign commission of the Southern Commercial Congress, which is to go abroad next May to study systems of agricultural finance in Europe. The commission also has been endorsed by the state department and will thus tour Europe with the backing of the United States government.

Endorsement of the senate occurred in record time. Last Tuesday Senator Newlands, of Nevada, introduced the resolution endorsing the commission. Wednesday Senator Fletcher, of Florida, president of the Southern Commercial Congress, addressed the senate in favor of the resolution, which was referred the same day to the committee on agriculture and forestry. Thursday Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, reported out the resolution favorably from the committee, and it was called up

in the senate by Senator Smith and unanimously passed. Rarely does the senate take such speedy action on any measure, and only then with emergency bills.

Senator Fletcher's speech in the senate contained the complete proceedings of the conference of the Southern Commercial Congress, held in Nashville, Tenn., April 1-6, regarding the plan of a European investigation of rural finance, the results of the investigation to be used to inaugurate in this country some system similar to the European systems. This document contains reports by Dr. Clarence J. Owens, managing director of the Southern Commercial Congress, and David Lubin, American delegate to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, Italy, who will accompany the commission on its tour, and other information concerning European agricultural finance. This was printed in full in the Congressional Record, of August 14, with Senator Fletcher's speech.

Robert W. Herter, Lawrenceville, Mo., who had been bothered with kidney trouble for two years, says, "I tried three different kinds of kidney pills but with no relief. My neighbor told me to use Foley Kidney Pills. I took three bottles of them, and got a permanent cure. I recommend them to everybody."—King-Crowell Drug Co.

### COTTON FINANCING PLAN

Doubted if Efforts to Secure Money in Germany Will Prove Successful.

(From The Wall Street Journal.)

Efforts to enlist foreign cotton interests and bankers in projects to give more complete control of the cotton supply control of the cotton supply to growers and marketing organizations appear to be the outcome of failure to find enough favor in domestic circles to command the confidence of financiers. Nor is it believed that any better result will come from an offer to foreign financial interests to take up the idea. Announcement that the United States Cotton Corporation had authorized its president to close a deal in which Germans were to furnish capital up to \$300,000,000 has been received with little credence in the possibility of the undertaking. A director of a well known cotton manufacturing corporation, who is in touch with cotton buying interests in textile circles, said of this project:

"It appears to me to be another of the half-baked economic efforts to get capitalists to raise the price of cotton from 11 1-2 cents to 15 cents a pound. Why should German spinners and bankers be interested in enhancing the price of the raw material of so important a branch of their manufacturing industries? It is always in order of course to enlist the services of foreign capitalists in marketing so large a crop as American cotton; but this matter will in due time adjust itself in some holding concern, such as this reputed German-American financing arrangement contemplates."

Another view taken by a prominent banker points out the difficulty from the financial standpoint. "These holding companies appear to have been inspired renewably by the experience of the Brazilian coffee valorization plan, but the cotton people want to keep control of the commodity, whereas the coffee people surrendered the coffee to the mercantile end of the plan which the bankers control. That has always been the difficulty. The rest comes, therefore in all such proposals, in answer to the question, 'who will hold the cotton?' It is difficult to establish any financial arrangements that will not break down until there is a perfect meeting of minds on this particular point. "If cotton under such a scheme is a liquid asset in the course of commercial movement, it is not difficult to command credit in the usual way. But if it is to be stored away and held out of circulation, so to speak, the risks to values involved become in the course of a few years too great for commercial

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banking to take a hand in it. It becomes, therefore, much more speculative than even the dealings in future contracts, and carries with it all the greater risks."

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