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## CAESARS HEAD.

The Most Noted South Carolina Mountain Attraction Is Greatly Neglected.

What a Trolley Line to this Resort Would do for Greenville.

Last week was spent by the writer in upper South Carolina, and conversations with all sorts of people has convinced us that the time is ripe for securing a line of transportation for this noted mountain resort. South Carolina has other mountain attractions—the Pinnacle, Table Rock and several falls—but they are all contiguous to Caesar's Head and are easily reached from there by daily walks and drives. None of them are so well known and none have hotels for the accommodation of visitors. There has never been but one obstacle to prevent Caesar's Head from being the most popular and best patronized resort in the Appalachian chain, and that is the question of transportation. Brevard, its nearest railroad station, is 17 miles distant over a rough mountain road.

Caesar's Head hotel and grounds is the property of Furman University of Greenville, and that noted educational institution is a creature of the Baptist church of the state. As we look at the proposition it would be an easy matter for the university to raise the necessary funds to build a trolley road to Caesar's Head by an appeal to the Baptists. There are also other interests that would be conserved by the road that would certainly give assistance.

And then there are other interests on this side of the mountains that we believe would bring the road on to Brevard. Such a road would open a wealth of chestnut wood to the Brevard Tannin plant which at present has no value because of the distance and bad roads to market. We have unlimited water powers that are running to waste, and the most reliable help to be found anywhere. Cotton mills and furniture factories would soon be feeders for such a road, and the future growth and development of this county would amply repay Brevard for joining and making it a through line.

We believe that such a road, in addition to developing the University's property at Caesar's Head, would be a paying investment from the starting of the first car. Thousands of South Carolinians who have never seen their mountain attractions would come to see, and would remain to enjoy the ozone of our climate and the crystal springs of pure, sparkling water. A 500 room hotel at Caesar's Head could be kept filled every summer with people who now spend their outings at other places because their own mountain resorts are inaccessible. The supplies for any addition to the native population would come almost entirely from

Greenville, and its merchants would be proportionately benefited.

In making these suggestions the Sylvan Valley News has no interests to serve. It has no hope of reward and is not working in the interest of any one man or set of men. It believes in the development of this mountain section for the health and happiness of all, and we should be pleased if the people of South Carolina would see it as we do and make a heroic effort to link the cotton fields with the water powers and health resorts of our mountains. We believe that Greenville is now ready for a move in this direction and we should like to point a mode of operations and then meet her at Caesar's Head.

Mr. J. J. Miner, editor and proprietor of the Sylvan Valley News, published at Brevard, N. C., spent a day or two in Greenville this week. Mr. Miner paid the Mountaineer office a pleasant call. He has been in the newspaper business many years and has done much towards the development of his section of the state. Mr. Miner is enthusiastically advocating the building of a trolley line, connecting Brevard with Greenville. His people are thoroughly aroused on the subject and are anxious to do their part towards its erection. Mr. Miner says that the people of his county would be glad to come to Greenville for a great deal of their trading, if the journey were not so difficult. They are looking for a southern terminus for a first class trolley line and have centered on Greenville as the place. Such a line would be a great benefit to the upper section of Greenville county and would open up a good trade with a large section of North Carolina, bordering on this part of the state. Will the line be built?—Greenville Mountaineer.

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The consummation of the bond sale last week opens a new chapter in our history. The waterworks and sewerage will be purchased and extended, sidewalks will be built on many streets, new streets will be opened, industry will take the place of idleness, everybody who will work can find employment at good wages, and visitors who come to see us next summer will find us at work, progressive and happy.

And there is little doubt but the inertia which the spending of this sum will give, will attract other capital to make investments

here, so that building operations and improvements will not cease when our money is exhausted. There is no place for an investor like a live, growing town, and we predict that before we are done with contemplated betterments our valuations will have increased more than enough to cover the bond issue.

In the handling of this money our town officers have a great responsibility, and they will need the moral support of all good citizens. Let us make every dollar of this money add a dollar's worth of better conditions. Let us eliminate graft in every form and spend only for the good of all. Let us be public spirited enough to add to, rather than take from, this money which has been voted for the good of all. Let us show, in the handling of these finances, that a democratic mayor and board of aldermen can be true to the greatest of democratic traditions "The greatest good to the greatest number."

## The Siniard Lot Sold!

Another Stride in the March of Progress for Our Town.

Not since the purchase of the site for the Æthelwold hotel has so important a real estate deal occurred in the business section of town, as the purchase last week of the lot on Broad street next to the News office. Located nearly opposite the new hotel and occupied only with an old dilapidated paint shop, it has been an eye-sore to citizens and visitors alike for many years. The owner L. G. Siniard lived on his farm out of town and took no interest in this property only to keep it rented for enough to pay taxes.

The purchasers were J. W. McMinn, Welch Galloway, H. B. Brunot, Thos. H. Shipman, W. H. Duckworth, T. S. Boswell, T. B. Crary, J. F. Hays, R. R. Deaver and T. W. Whitmire, and we learn that they contemplate the erection of a 3-story brick building—the first floor for business houses, the second to be a public hall and the third floor for a Masonic hall and hall for other secret societies.

As our town has no hall with stage and scenery for lectures or entertainments, this is a need which will be greatly appreciated by our people. We have already felt the need of a place other than the court house for public meetings, and as the town grows this want is sure to become more manifest. The move is a good one and we most heartily wish the projectors a most abundant success.

No doubt the Presidents next book will be "The Winning of the South."

## The Hicks Almanac for 1906.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks Almanac will not be published for 1906, but his monthly Journal, WORD AND WORKS, has been changed into a large and costly Magazine, and it will contain his storm and weather forecasts and other astronomical features complete. The November number, now ready, contains the forecasts from January to June, 1906. The January number, ready December 20th, will contain the forecasts from July to December, 1906. The price of this splendid Magazine is One Dollar a Year. See it and you will have it. The November and January numbers containing the Rev. Irl R. Hicks forecasts for the whole year, and more complete than ever, can be had by sending at once 25 cents to WORD AND WORKS PUBLISHING COMPANY, 2201 Locust Street, St. Louis, Mo.

It is a little astonishing that the Enterprise Bank of Pittsburg has not followed the example of the life insurance managers and presented the claim that they stole \$600,000 and gave it to the politicians "to save the country from Bryan."

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