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Brevard and Transylvania County

A RETROSPECT

There's a Town that lies in the Kingdom of Clouds,

In the beautiful Land of the Sky;

Which an azure and silvery curtain enshrouds,

Which is girt by mountains high

Which mountains shut out the cold North winds

That blow from the fields of snow;

Where the Sun doth shed his brightest beams

On the fields and forests below;

Where the women are fair, and the men are true;

Where all Law and Order regard;

Where the air is pure—where the skies are blue—

In the "Gem of the Mountains," Brevard.

The above is an attempt, by one who loves Transylvania and Brevard, to express his opinion of our section and prompts him to go deeper and portray, if possible, to the outsider, as well as to homefolk, the reasons which have caused him to think so.

And it is but necessary to join with him in a few minutes retrospection of the past, say the last year, to show upon what firm foundations are built the estimation of Transylvania county and Brevard as they now are and of their hopes for the future.

And by way of preface let the writer say that the ultimate success of the county and the County seat are one and inseparable. Transylvania county is dependent on Brevard and Brevard is dependent on Transylvania county. There is no rivalry between them. The growth of the one insures the growth of the other. No town was ever built without a good country to back it. A prosperous hinterland is a necessity to a prosperous town, and the corollary is just as true—that no country succeeds unless it has a good town in its midst.

So Transylvania county and Brevard are interdependent, and that which helps the one benefits the other, and that which injures the one destroys the other.

And those good citizens of Transylvania who point with pride to the remarkable growth and prosperity of Brevard should remember that the citizens of Brevard are equally proud of the county that makes its progress possible.

The old year is nearly gone. Before another issue of this paper we will have entered upon another year, and it is but fit that we should glance over the past year and see what improvements have been made and what progress has been made during 1907.

Collectively and as a community we, of Transylvania county, have much to be thankful for. Our progress and prosperity have been phenomenal, and to those individuals who have suffered and happened to misfortune it is hoped that they will forget their past troubles and look forward with confidence to the new year, with a determination to profit by the mistakes committed during the last year.

But a brief resume of our material progress is in order when one is attempting to set out the facts in regard to the remarkable growth and prosperity of our Town and county and a limited statement of what improvements have been made in them will be in order.

To enumerate specifically each and every improvement would be a task so burdensome both to the writer and the reader that generalities will alone be dealt with, and not each specific improvement. One needs but to drive over any of our roads to see the number of new

adam street leading from the depot through the main business portions of it? Know you of another town of any size that has pure spring water piped over its entire limits—a water so pure that the monthly analysis as made by the state chemist shows it to be an absolutely pure water? Do you know another town that has so complete a sewerage system or one that is better lighted? Think on these things and you will then be proud of our town—be proud of the county seat of Transylvania county.

Compare our stores with those found in other and larger towns and you will not feel ashamed. The goods our merchants carry in stock are so good that even the most fastidious need not send away for either necessities or delicacies. Our women folk can do their shopping at home, and it is safe to assert that our imports are very small as compared with other towns.

Look at the buildings in our town. Do you see any better hotels, better residences in the larger cities? Is not our postoffice a credit to Brevard and better than many found in cities having five-fold our population?

Go through our county and look at our school houses; come to Brevard and look at our graded school and the Brevard Institute and you will feel that we are ahead of other towns and counties of even larger population.

Go with the ministers of the gospel to the many churches in the county and in town and see what beautiful structures have been erected for the worship of Almighty God; and see how well attended are the services, the prayer meetings, the Sunday schools, and what better evidence do you need of a county's true and lasting progress?

And we are not behind in industrial progress, for during the year in addition to the very large Tannin Extract plant at Pisgah Forest and the Tannery at Rosman, we have built in Brevard a cotton mill that will employ a large number of people and will add several thousands of dollars per month to the county. The cotton mill will be in operation early in February.

There is one kind of factory that should be built here, and that is a furniture manufactory. There is no section more amply provided with timber of all kinds, with water power in abundance, and the railroad will give such rates as will place the output of a factory here on the same basis as those at High Point and other furniture building towns. Timber is the natural product of this country and our forests should be utilized, and will be in the near future.

Go with me yet farther and investigate, in addition to what we have, those things which we have not. Let us examine the records of the Court and see how few criminal cases appear on our docket; so few, in fact, that our courts do not take up six days in the entire year with the trial of them; so few crimes that every Judge who has held court here has commented on the remarkable freedom from crime which Transylvania county enjoys and of the indications of a high-grade and very moral citizenship.

And in the town and county there is not one brothel or bawdy house; no blind tigers or holes in the wall where whiskey can be bought; and the reason for this is that public sentiment, that most powerful of all influences, is so distinctly for good in this county that the good people will not tolerate such be-

havior within the confines of Transylvania county.

The knowledge of these facts, my friends, has caused me to be proud of my county and of my town; has caused me to think that nowhere else can be found so perfect a combination of Nature's beauty and bounty and of man's honesty, morality and ability. Perhaps it is the effect of the noble mountains that rise in their glory on every hand, whose mighty majesty impress upon our minds God's power and whose sublime beauty portray to us His divine joys.

With such environments, had men are made good and good men are made better. Here in truth "The rule of life is Love."

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Tom Johnson now has the credit not only of having defeated Burton and Roosevelt, but of having made an almighty hole in the Taft boom.

He fought at Gettysburg.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., who lost a foot at Gettysburg, writes: "Electric Bitters have done me more good than any medicine I ever took. For several years I had stomach trouble and paid out much money for medicine to little purpose, until I began taking Electric Bitters. I would not take \$500 for what they have done for me." Grand tonic for the aged and for female weakness. Great alterative and body builder, sure cure for lame back and weak kidneys. Guaranteed by T. B. Allison druggist. 50c.

The president says it is wrong to hoard money. It is also impossible at this time of year, if you want to keep yourself in good standing with the family.

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