

## SAYS THIS IS THE PROMISED LAND OF BIBLICAL HISTORY

(The following beautiful description of the great French Broad Valley was written by the late Col. V. S. Lusk, and is an expression of the love that great man had for this section.—Editor).

The French Broad Valley is an elevated plateau, an average of 2,250 feet above tide water. It is bounded on the east, north by the Blue Ridge range, on the northeast by the Great Divide, and on the west by the Pisgah range. It is comprised of an area of about 5,000 square miles and is bisected by the French Broad River, passing Asheville at an altitude of 2,250 feet above sea level. Ten miles north of Asheville the river turns west, passing Marshall and Hot Springs, and out of North Carolina into the state of Tennessee at Paint Rock; here it merges into the Tennessee River.

For some unexplainable reason scientific research has never reached this quarter of the world. It is not because of the lack of material to attract attention, for certain it is there is not another 5,000 square miles of territory surpassing the French Broad Valley in geological interest, when the facts are properly understood. Here the scientists will find evidence of extinct waterfalls 6,000 feet high; hillocks, once high as Aarat, now degraded to the plowshare and tillage of agriculture; mountains, probably the first conception of the Creator; an inland sea spreading over an area of 5,000 square miles, now run dry by the lapse of ages; and an extinct volcano with no history to tell of its mighty eruptions, save eroding masses of disappearing lava; hot springs, heated by unseen fires deep down in the dark unfathomed caves of the earth; chalk deposits, the cemetery of countless animals, that lived and died millions of years ago; a great mountain split asunder by some internal force yet unexplained; rocks, once the foundation of the world thousands of feet below the crust of the earth, at present on the surface worn sleek by erosive agency. Rich and costly gems, worth a king's ransom, are the reward of those who search. I am making an extravagant declaration when I say the scientist will be able to prove that 5,000 square miles of the French Broad Valley has been eroded and carried away, and is now deposited in the delta of the Mississippi River or in the Gulf of Mexico.

"THE PROMISED LAND"  
When the Almighty exhibited to Moses the Promised Land. He took him up on the top of Pisgah and commanded him to look eastward, northward and southward, and behold the beauties of the Land of Canaan. Emulating that gracious act of our Lord, I will say to such as desire actual physical observation of the French Broad Valley, go like Moses to the top of Mount Pisgah, not the Pisgah in the land of Moab, but the Pisgah owned by Uncle Sam in "The Land of the Sky." You are now 6,000 feet above tide water and 4,000 feet above Asheville, which lies before you in a beautiful panorama thirty miles away. Look east, west, north and south, nothing but high mountains with the French Broad Valley in the center, 100 miles in length and 50 miles in width. One can pass all around the valley,

a distance of three hundred miles without crossing a single stream of water, except the French Broad River at Paint Rock. A complete chain of mountains surrounds this valley, 5,000 feet high and 20 miles thick at the base. Viewing the situation as it now exists no geologist would dare insist that the two mountains the great Divide and the Bluff, did not at one time form a complete chain, one and the same mountain 5,000 feet high, and would be so at present, but for the erosion caused by the river. The Great Divide on the north and the Bluff on the south are united at Paint Rock and form a solid rock dam. That immense basin filled with water and ran over the top at Paint Rock. What a grand spectacle! People come from the remote corners of the civilized world to view Niagara Falls, which is only 162 feet high, and here was a grand cataract four times as high as Niagara. But the saddest feature of the whole matter, there was not a living creature on earth to witness the magnificence of this spectacle.

There are those who question the thesis of an inland sea ever having covered the valley of the French Broad River. Should such persons ever journey down the river from Asheville to Newport they will observe that they are at the bottom of a deep gorge with high mountains on both sides, and great naked rock cliffs projecting from their sides hundreds of feet high. Most people I think, will conclude here is satisfactory evidence of an eroded canyon, and that it has taken millions of years to wash away obstructions so great.

Geologists have never been able to fix the exact age of the world, or settle definitely where it came from, or how it got a place in our planetary system. The accepted belief seems to be that it was thrown off the sun. This may be taken as settled, the world was at one time in its history a hot molten mass. After a while (some hundreds of millions of years) it began to cool off, and formed a crust on the outer surface. As the earth cooled water appeared and covered the face of the earth. The thin crust was dented by the weight of the water, and a depression of fifteen thousand feet was made in space now occupied by the Atlantic Ocean. It is common observation that when you dent a round ball full of soft substance within, the tin proportion to the pressure on the inside the outside must necessarily bulge out. When this pressure took place in what is now the Atlantic Ocean, the Blue Ridge bulged up 15,000 feet high for more than one thousand miles southwest paralleling the Atlantic Coast. Here I am met by the statement that the Blue Ridge is not 15,000 feet high. I will answer this objection by saying that this upheaval took place more than a billion years ago, and accounting for erosion at the rate of one foot for every 5,000 years, it is certainly known that this range was in its infancy more than 15,000 feet high. It is possible that before the depression in the Atlantic and the elevation of the Blue Ridge, the water did not run anywhere, as the earth was then a smooth surface, a round ball. At any rate when the Blue Ridge was heaved up, the water on the west slope started to flow into the Gulf of Mexico. How long the water of the French Broad continued to flow west unobstructed is not known, millions of years probably, until the Great Divide 5,000 feet high was heaved up across the channel of the river at Paint Rock, completely obstructing its flow. There being no outlet for the gathering water the basin filled, and eventually flowed over the mountain at Paint Rock, filling the basin 5,000 feet deep, covering the whole of what is now the French Broad Valley with a sea 5,000 feet deep.

There seems to be much speculation as to the length of time we have been here, but we do not seem to be much concerned as to the length of time we may expect to remain in this happy, beautiful "Land of the Sky." The French Broad Valley is now 5,000 feet above sea level. If erosion is still taking place, and it is, at the rate of one foot every 5,000 years, in ten million, two hundred and fifty thousand years our rich valleys and blue mountains will all be deposited in the Mississippi delta, and the catfish and man-eating sharks will leave their slimy sides in the Atlantic and sport over what is now the fertile fields of the French Broad Valley, while the agriculturist will plant his cotton and sugar cane in the delta of the Mississippi and the Gulf of Mexico.

### Very Serious

"What makes you look so miserable?"  
"I would like to change a \$20 bill."  
"But that is nothing serious."  
"But I haven't got one."

### Live and Learn

Jim—I always kinda thought a wife would be some one to lean on in time of trouble.  
Jack—Changed your opinion, eh?  
Jim—Yes; I find she's some one to sit on you for getting into it.

## CIVIL WAR THREATENED IF PROHIBITION IS ENFORCED

(Asheville Citizen)

Southern newspapers as a rule have not taken the prohibition revolt very seriously. The hearings before the House Judiciary Committee during the past week or so, at which opponents of prohibition have been featured in the press of this section. New York newspapers, on the contrary, have been playing up the agitation against the Eighteenth Amendment and the laws enacted for its enforcement tremendously. The New York Herald Tribune, chief newspaper organ of the Republican party, gave ten columns to anti-prohibition news on Thursday of last week and nearly as much on Friday. The tenor of these dispatches is suggested by the streamer headline which the Herald Tribune put over its account of the House inquiry. "New Civil War Imminent if the U. S. Enforces Prohibition, House Hearing is Warned—Youth of Nation Aroused, Witness Tells Legislature—Swelling Ranks of Anti-Prohibitionists Pointed Out as Menacing Political Sign for 1932 Unless Steps Are Taken to Liberalize Statutes on Liquor."

The policy of the Herald Tribune is not essentially different from that of the other leading New York newspapers. The Times of Friday devoted its special story of the day, four columns in length, to the Washington hearing. The Times also headlined the prophecy of Frederick R. Coudert, New York lawyer, that "any attempt at re-enforcement of the dry law would cause civil war" and his further statement that "nullification of the law is an accomplished fact in New York. Editorially, the Times says that the issue is 'irrepressible' and describes it as 'a question which is like a sword, dividing political parties and political associations asunder.'"

A bitter fight is raging among New York Republicans over the demand that the Republican organization "take a definite stand on prohibition in the next gubernatorial election." Anti-prohibition leaders are calling

themselves "Crusaders" and are claiming that the organization which they have formed is growing at the rate of a thousand members a day.

Far removed from the centers of this anti-prohibition hubbub, the average Southerner will probably find it difficult to understand the seriousness with which these "Crusaders" appear to take themselves and their movement. The South remains quite convinced that prohibition is in the Federal Constitution to stay and that there is not a chance of modifying the laws that have to do with its enforcement, except, perhaps, to make these laws more stringent. True, the South shows no particular disposition either to make its own laws on the subject more stringent or to enforce more rigidly the laws it already has. The North Carolina Supreme Court held last week that the purchaser of liquor is equally guilty with the seller. Nobody expects, however, to see a militant campaign against the patrons of bootleggers. The South Carolina Legislature last week voted down a bill which would have required judges to impose prison sentences on prohibition offenders without alternative of a fine. The debate had to do largely with the relative ease with which liquor can be bought in different South Carolina towns and one of the most prominent lawmakers suggested that if judges would quit drinking bootleg liquor themselves they would not need a law to require them to sentence bootleggers to the chaingangs. One of South Carolina's proposed new sources of revenue to take the place of a land tax is a tax of one cent a pound on sugar and the argument advanced in favor of this tax is that the moonshiners would pay a good part of it.

No, the South's chief interest in the fierce warfare that has broken out over prohibition in the North lies not in any expectation that this assault upon Volsteadism will prevail but in the feeling that it does threaten to split the Republican party quite as seriously as already prohibition has split the Democratic party. This is

## CUT COFFEE COST IN HALF

You get as many cups from 1 lb. of "Gold Ribbon" Brand Coffee and Chicory as you do from 2 lbs. of ordinary coffee, because it is Double Strength. Cut your coffee bill in half by using "Gold Ribbon" Blend—1 lb. lasts as long as 2 lbs. of ordinary coffee—and you pay no more!



at least a possibility. It can not be said as yet that it is more than a possibility for while Democrats have the habit of voting as they talk experience has demonstrated that Republicans, talking violently one way, generally go to the polls and vote exactly the opposite way. New York is in rebellion against prohibition, as Mr. Coudert says; but New York declined in 1928 to give its electoral vote to Smith for President. One of the witnesses at the Washington hearing last week insisted that the time had arrived for the creation of a new political party. But the creation of a new political party is one of the biggest orders that any group, however wrought up, can undertake.

Don't forget that the money you intend to save is not drawing interest at the present writing.

Give Him a D. S. C.  
"Did you hear about the bright forest ranger?"  
"No, what did he do?"  
"Applied for a pension after being gassed by a skunk."

## AN ADMIRABLE EMPLOYMENT PLAN

(Asheville Times)

An admirable plan of aid for the unemployed has been instituted in Brevard by the Associated Charities in co-operation with the officials of the town government. Instead of dispensing funds by loan or donation to those out of work, the able-bodied are employed in cleaning up the streets and vacant lots, this work being paid for out of the funds raised in a recent campaign conducted by the Associated Charities.

This policy recognizes the wholesome effects of work itself in maintaining the morale and initiative of persons suffering the evils incident to unemployment. Furthermore, the economics of this program is of the soundest sort, since it provides value received for all concerned in the transaction.

Brevard has set an excellent example to all other municipalities of the country faced with the problems of unemployment.

For Economical Transportation



BIG SALE starts SATURDAY



# SPRING CLEARANCE SALE

# USED CARS

—WITH AN OK THAT COUNTS

Here is a bargain event without parallel in the history of this community! This great spring clearance sale brings to bargain seekers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to secure famous used cars "with an OK that counts" at savings that will be long remembered.

Due to the tremendous popularity of the New Chevrolet Six, we have an unusually large stock of fine used cars. To clear our stock quickly, we offer these splendid cars at low sale prices that are nothing less than sensational.

Buy a car during this sale at many dollars below its normal price! Look to the red "OK that counts" tag as proof of its quality and dependability. This tag signifies that the car has been thoroughly reconditioned. Be sure to attend this sale early.

### Wide Choice of Four and Six Cylinder Cars

1928 Chevrolet 4-Cyl. Truck. New tires; Four speed transmission for hauling logs. A real buy. Must trade soon.

1927 Chevrolet Coupe. A real car at a small price. will trade.

1929 Chevrolet Touring. Only driven 4,000 miles. Car almost new. Come in, get this—price is right.

1927 Dodge Sedan. A real family car at a bargain price.

1929 Chevrolet Roadster. A real buy. Can put the top down and lay windshield forward. You should see it at our Used Car Dept.

NOW FOLKS, you have read our ads on some of our cars. During our Spring Sale we expect to sell our used cars and SPRING is here AND the roads are good. Come and look 'em over before we sell 'em out

### 1929 CHEVROLET SIX COUPE

A REAL BUY to Save Money Car in excellent condition. Good Tires.

Will taken another car in trade.

### EYES EXAMINED GLASSES FITTED LENSES DUPLICATED



Brevard Office in P. O. Building Open Every TUESDAY Afternoon W. H. HAWKINS & SON 49 Years of Satisfaction Hendersonville, N. C.

## NEXT

We contribute to your good looks. You can get a Vitalis treatment here, the vegetable oil tonic, also the Fitch products.

It Pays To Look Well SMITH'S BARBER SHOP

### WAX YOUR FLOORS and PREVENT DIVORCE.

Every woman wants pretty floors in her home. All it takes is the proper ingredients and a Waxing Machine. We have both, and we have experienced men to do the work. Call

ED. GILLESPIE PHONE 123

General Painting Contractor, Floor Finisher and Home Beautifier.

BUY "OK" USED CARS FROM A CHEVROLET DEALER

# Whitmire Motor Sales Company