

PRESERVATION OF THE FORESTS OF WESTERN N. C. Essay on the Appalachian National Park.

The following is the graduating essay read by Miss Agnes C. Patton of Asheville at the close of the Normal and Collegiate institute term last week, her subject being "The Appalachian National Park."

The forest land of the United States is owned in three separate ways: First, by the government, to which belong the reserved and unreserved forests of the public land states; second, by some of the states; and third, by private owners.

The private lands exceed in area those owned by the government and the states combined. Often the private forests, as other individual property are held for the returns they yield regardless of their age and growth. The lands held by the government or the states are under certain legal laws which protect their forests from denudation.

These reserves occupy the poorer sections on which agriculture or pasturage does not pay. The cultivation of the soil raises it to the highest use to mankind. The land which cannot be cultivated is that which is purchased for a reservation or national park. The cost is very small because of the rough condition. Here Mother Nature is given full sway, the forest being, as it were, her kingdom with an undisturbed reign. The park reserves are pleasure resorts for many millions of people who spend the greater part of their lives in manufacturing and regulative tenement houses under a smoky sky. The contact with nature drives care away and they return home refreshed and invigorated, ready for duty.

The growth of the practice of out-of-door life throughout the world has been rapidly educating humanity to the value of natural scenery and to its charm. The American people are beginning to see the evil effects of denudation of our beautiful forests. Unless these forests are brought under government laws the destruction will continue.

The government has given millions of dollars to the development of the Yellowstone park in the west and parks for the north, but where is the park in the east? The American people are emphatically health and pleasure seekers. The many millions living east of the Mississippi river demand and deserve that their government should make some adequate provision whereby they can successfully prosecute the search for health and pleasure. For more than a quarter of a century the people of the south have been discussing the paramount advantages that would follow the establishment of a park in the east. It would make permanent expert care of our wonderful forests, the preservation and increase of game, the construction of macadamized roads to all points of interest. The park would influence wealthy citizens to build their homes in the section which would lead to the upbuilding of all outlying towns and villages.

Travelers exclaim over the noble parks of the old world with their broad spans of the greenest of grass trimmed to a perfect sod, a veritable carpet of velvet, ornamented by the mighty oaks, enlivened by many herd of fat deer, descendants no doubt from the famous buck and doe on which bold Robin Hood displayed his archer skill. "Why should beauty's charms belong only to the old world?" Is there any valid reason why we should not have parks equally as beautiful? Decidedly, no, for there is every reason why ours should, in a few years, surpass in attractions even the best of those across the water.

Where is any description of a European park which contains such a wealth of nature's treasures as the Southern Appalachian range in Western Carolina? A park within which is a mighty uplift like the Black mountains, the Smoky, Rohn, Toxaway or any of the hundred others from which we could select to make the central attraction of our park. Surely there is to be found no dashing streams of water so pure and sparkling as continuously gush from the river rocks of these beautiful mountains. A few years ago the deer, the turkey, the pheasant and many other kind of game were abundant here and will be again, if allowed to dwell unmolested in their native habitat. All this has a beautiful nature provided for the people and if it be not enjoyed to the full, the fault lies not at nature's door, but with us who are permitting these delights to be squandered.

No nobleman of England ever owned so grand a natural park as did once the red man in Western Carolina. To the Indian it is lost forever, but our effort and prayer shall be that it be preserved to the white man. No other portion of our country is so rich in flora as this part of the Appalachian range. Here are mountains 6000 feet in altitude, all clothed in virgin forests to the summit, intersected by deep valleys, beautiful lakes, rivers, brooklets and water falls. As one has said: "It has not the snow clad altitudes of the Sierra Nevada but here is a great country of undulating table lands and mighty mountain ranges whose soil is as productive as the prairies of Illinois. Here are peaks where Vulcan might forge his thunderbolts, and where the

gods of Olympus might sit in council above the clouds. Here are fertile valleys sleeping peacefully beneath the giant cliffs of mountains that rise in majestic grandeur above the storms, watered by crystal streams that break in everlasting melody fresh from the granite of eternal hills; here is a region where winter lingers not, the mountains swell with life at the breath of early spring and clothe themselves in garments of emerald leaf and many tinted flowers; summer sunshine wraps the earth in lustrous woodland, changing to royal robes of autumn, splendors of purple crimson and cloth of gold; transparent waters of rivers and creeks glide and dance and foam over their rocky beds; above them as an arch the arms of giants of the forests, on their banks the violet, the tiger-lily, the ivy and the laurel breathe perfume as sweet as the odors of the 'lilies of eternal peace.'

The commercial value of the forests of North Carolina is incalculable if maintained. This is the meeting of the northern trees with the southern. It is the home of the rhododendron. Here are found trees from five to seven feet in diameter and 140 high. Is not this a virgin forest? Should it not be protected from the axeman's hand? If the forests are allowed to be destroyed, then our beautiful mountains will be left bare and soon become dry and unattractive. The mountains of Western Carolina are not noted for their great altitudes and snow caps, but for their abundant flora. The Rocky mountains rise to great heights, but in many places are entirely barren, while those of the Appalachian range are verdure clad to the very summit.

With the denudation of the forests the climate changes and becomes as the climate of a desert. In the early history of Palestine, the land of the Bible, the country was very abundant in flora; especially in early spring it is said to have been marvelously beautiful. In later years the forests were allowed to be destroyed and now in many places it is almost barren. The beauty was destroyed with the forests. "The scenery of a country is part not only of its material but of its spiritual heritage. It is impossible to destroy the work of God without taking a little of God out of it." Deforested land—land particularly in a mountainous country, is the direct cause of destructive floods. The interference and absorption by the trees distributes and regulates the rainfall. In dry seasons the trees protect and hold back the evaporation of the innumerable and minute tributaries to the springs, water courses and rivers, thus regulating and preserving the water supply, without which regulation no region can long remain profitable or attractive. The forest acts as a source of national health.

The climate of the Blue Ridge plateau is superior to any country known for its health abroad. The geographical situation and the geological formation are peculiarly adapted for a health resort and is preferred by many to the famous climate of southern France, Switzerland and the Rhine valley. Malaria is unknown. The germs of tuberculosis cannot live in the mountain air purified with the odors of the balsam and the pine. What country can be compared with this, "The Land of the Sky," "The Mecca of Health and Wonderland"?

"Oh, proudly then the forest Kings Their banners lift o'er vale and mount, And cool and fresh the wild grass springs, By lovely path, by sylvan fount."

PRESIDENT BARNARD APPOINTS COMMITTEES

FOR THE ASHEVILLE WHITE SUPREMACY CLUB.

President A. S. Barnard of the White Supremacy club announces the appointment of the following committees: On by-laws—L. M. Bourne, John Y. Jordan, J. H. Brooks. On speakers—Charles A. Webb, J. P. Kerr, J. C. Wallace. On hall—B. M. Jones, T. R. Harrison, Z. F. Curtis. On membership—first precinct, A. R. Ogburn, J. E. Gudge; second precinct, Marable Erwin, T. E. Wilson; third precinct, M. A. Cressman, N. A. Collins; fourth precinct, Octave Battle, N. A. Reynolds; fifth precinct, J. V. Jay, James Ransom; sixth precinct, A. J. Farrar, Dr. E. B. Glenn. These committees are requested to report at a meeting of the club Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

TAX SALE.

By virtue of the tax list of the city of Asheville for the year 1905, in the hands of the undersigned, as collector of taxes of said city for collection, and by virtue of the statute and law provided for the collection of taxes the undersigned will on Monday, the 9th day of July, 1906, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the court house door in the city of Asheville, aforesaid, in the manner and upon the terms by law prescribed for sale of land for such purposes, the following mentioned lots and real estate, said taxes being due and having remained unpaid within the time prescribed by law, and the persons whose names appear opposite the same being the respective persons in whose name the same was listed, or should have been listed for taxation. Said lots and real estate are situated in the City of Asheville, in the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina, are described respectively as follows:

R. R. Rawls—Town lot (Swannanoa hotel) on west side of South Main street, adjoining Willow street on the north and Asheville Warehouse company on the south. Balance of tax \$171.37.

Alex. Alexander—Town lot with residence on east side of New street, adjoining lands of R. P. Walker on the south and William Hill on the north. Tax \$7.50.

Henry Hamilton—Town lot on Gaither's alley, adjoining lands of Alfred Gaither on the east and John Holbert on the west. Tax \$4.75.

John Lyles—Town lot on south side of Curve street, adjoining lands of Peter Williams on the east and being lot No. 393 on assessors book for 1899. Tax \$5.25.

William Simonton—Town lot on south side of Mountain street, adjoining lands of Henry Colley on the west and Matt Cope on the east. Tax \$6.75.

Susan Brittain—Town lot on north side of Beaumont street, adjoining lands of T. W. Patton on the east and west. Tax \$2.25.

John Cathy—Town lot on east side of Pine street, adjoining lands of Geo. Austin on the north and R. H. Bryson on the south. Tax \$9.45.

Jasper McClarty—Town lot on the south side of Gray street, adjoining lands of Mrs. Julia D. Shuford on the east and Stephen Byars on the west. Tax \$5.47.

Mrs. Mary Hunt—Town lot on the south side of Starnes avenue, adjoining lands of Mrs. E. H. Gage on the west and Grady street on the east. Tax \$7.50.

J. L. Slagle—Town lot with residence and store house on the south side of Patton avenue, adjoining lands of T. D. Johnston on the east and K. R. Ruck on the west. Tax 1898 and 1899 \$220.41.

Rebecca Bailey—Town lot on the east side and back from McDowell street, adjoining lands of Charles Bailey and Charlotte Seales. Tax \$4.50.

Alex. Gardner—Town lot on the south side of Phifer street, adjoining lands of Frank Leoper on the east and B. C. Carpenter on the west. Tax \$11.25.

Major J. Hill—Town lot on the west side of Roberts street, adjoining lands of Amanda Walker on the north and W. H. Ballard on the south. Tax \$6.50.

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A completely furnished house of six rooms; just beyond city limits, on car line. A cool and quiet locality; large grounds and garden; horse and buggy included if desired. \$50 per month.—Wilkie & LaBarbe. 112

A delightful residence on Haywood street; 10 rooms; every modern convenience; elevation and large grounds; house conveniently arranged and completely furnished. Price on application.—Wilkie & LaBarbe. 113

A completely furnished residence of eight rooms; half block from car line; all conveniences; piano included; in eastern part of city. Price \$50 per month.—Wilkie & LaBarbe. 114

A completely furnished 10 room house on Montford avenue; near city limits; on car line; stable. \$75 per month.—Wilkie & LaBarbe. 115

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