

Shelby Man Tells Of Wonderful Scenery Of Western Carolina

(By Jas. A. Wilson.)

To the Editor of The Star.
Hendersonville.—People who have traveled all over the world say this is as good a place as they have found. We gain strength here quickly because of the low temperature. Have slept under two quilts and blanket for past week, and if I were raising a family of children again would surely take them to the mountains during the hot summer months. Any mother who raises a bottle fed baby knows what I mean.

North Carolina leads now in real estate developments. We can only mention a very few of the vast developments now under way in the western

part of this state. I have taken time to investigate a few of them. We all know of Lake Lure and Chimney Rock developments and what is taking place there, is being duplicated in a score of places right around Hendersonville and what is more they have millions of dollars back of each to put them through. Each one of these developments is designed to become a city of its own, entirely independent in name as well as in fact on a scale we have not ever seen before.

To give you an idea of the rise in values and the change that is taking place will cite a few instances. Last week a Florida man paid \$100,000 for a hotel in Hendersonville (Kentucky Home) that sold for \$30,000 one year ago. The Lake Canuga estate sold one year ago for \$100,000. It also changed hands last week to a Florida man for \$100,000. There will necessarily be a

lot of speculation where prices rise so fast, but the millions that are being spent and the population that comes will remain as permanent fixtures.

On the summit (3,200 feet) in Laurel Park estates a Miami hotel man will immediately start the construction of a two million dollar hotel. And half way up this paved drive way the agents are selling lots for \$5,000 each, and you have to take three. But remember, they give you a million dollars worth of mountain scenery with each lot. They say so, and I think they are right.

The Beauties of the Mountains.
The sea and the mountains have always lured and fascinated the writer. The thunder of the waves and the sigh of the winds in the spruce and hemlock each have a message of their own.

In company of a young mountaineer I spent a few hours on the top of Eugar Loaf mountain (4,000 feet) just 2,000 feet above the Chimney Rock. You, who have been to the Rock can imagine the view still 2,000 feet higher.

One hundred million dollars will be spent on these developments this year and you may see the Seaboard railway delivering freight and passengers at Chimney Rock and Hendersonville in another year. Men, money and dynamite can do the work in that time. (I get this from pretty high up.)

A good road leads all the way to the top from this side, a Ford will make it alright up the 7 mile grade, but the water will boil in the radiator long before you get to the top. On top is a level acre circled by a driveway, with a 50 foot tower for observation.

We could trace the Charlotte and Asheville highway for nearly 40 miles as it comes up by Lake Lure then as it coils through the tuckery Nut gap. Then from Bat Cave the Ready patch gap road as it follows the gorge over the Blue Ridge and into Hendersonville. We climbed down on the edge of the cliff and looked for an hour over that wonderful view that can not be painted only in our memories, that can never be forgotten. As we sat there and looked down for thousands of feet at the valley below my friend pointed out to me where he had chased the fox and climbed the ridge on the opposite side of the valley, and the very fields and the old dead trees standing there in the far distance where he had seen the fox and the dogs come into the open from the timber. He said that if it were night he would not hesitate with his lantern to climb down this mountain side and cross the next one to follow his dogs. (He is as I write this on his way there now to chase a fox that has been eating his neighbor's chickens). This young man said he had also lived in

the plains states some year and that while a part of this section he could also appreciate this matchless scene as I did.

Is There a God?

As we turned back to retrace our steps he said to me, "What do you think of the man who says there is no God?" I said, "I think, 'the fool hath said in his own heart there is no God.'" Then added, "That the way is so plain that a wayfaring man though a fool, need not err there in."

I am trying to tell you that these places are easily reached by good roads and don't hesitate if you wish to go.

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