

TIII PRERIDEXTS
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Through the Land of the Sky.
What Beverage Did McKinley Drink at Asheville? Did He Neglect Wine ?
"Protection Punch," etc.
Something A bout Biltmore House
Which the President Visited With the Newspaper Men in the Footsteps of the Major.
President McKinley's trip t Asheville has drawn attention to one of the most picturesque re the war it was noted for its dry climate and bracing atmosphere and since then newcomers have
built a city on arr. The street
1 and the houses have their brick and mortar, but the real foundation of Ashevile is an exhilarat ing, wrial chompagne that stimu lates to the point of intoxication having tasted this beverage, neg. lected wine of the vintage of '4: and even the protection punch that Mr. McKissick brewed in his ponor. Looking out on that grand panorama and drinking in the ambrosial air that comes over the
mountains, a man forcets the monotony of every day life and loses himself in a Nirvana of rest. A etic and your country-cracker throws off his shuffling gate and walks with grace
Hard by this Nirvana is the Garden of Eden, brought down to
date by George W. Vanderbilt date by George W. Vanderbilt
The roads,which are perfect,wind through miles of flowers that mingle their perfumes in indescribathis region and exotics from all parts of the world grow up to gether. The mountain laurel and the rhododendron grow side by side, and the running honeysuckle is joined with rarer plants spruce and balsam line the roads, spruce and balsam line the roads,
and all about the hills and slopes the indigenous and transplanted shrubs are intermingled so that it is difficult to tell where
leaves off and art begins.

The absence of humidity from
climate of the sultriness which is cient Greeks. They her the an so oppressive elvewhere. When voices in battle and saw in th other cities were sweltering under storm-wraith the garments of a a heat of 95 or 100 degrees, the god. guests at the Battery Park hotel Heretofore Asheville has been were enjoying balmy breezes with temperature of 78 .
The approach to Asheville from Salisbury,over the Southern Railway, is through a charming counat wheat harvest. From the eaf at wheat harvest. From the car
windows you see thousands windows you see thousands of acres of golden grain, standing or in shocks. Governor Holt is run-
ning 10 harvesters this week and will make 10,000 bushels of wheat From Salisbury the train as. cends gradually to Old Fort, where the mountans rise to a height of 5,000 feet. It takes two
powerful engined to pull the train up Round Knob. In twelve miles they climb 1,400 feet. Fourteen times the track doubles Round Knob before it reaches the sum mit. Rushing out of a long tun nel, the train whirls into full view of Royal Gorge, a grand avenue among the mountains, with broken valleys between. As far as the the right and lett. This orani vista is worth coming miles to see The Blue Ridge breaks up into veritable playground of Titans.
From Royal Gorge the track descends by easy stages. In half noa leads you into Asheville There you find a clean, well-kept town of 15,000 peopie, surrounde and villas. The finest view i from Battery Park hotel, which holds the site of a fort and reached by an electric car. There you get a panoramic view which Rocky Mountains. Nature has thrown out a cordon of mountain peaks that surround the place like gigantic sentinels. It is
great circle,forty or fifty miles in dameter, and through the middl of the valley flow the Swannano and the French Broad. Away ofl in the distance a shred of white Farther away the mountain side wings over Hominy Creek Gap 5,000 or 6,000 feet, heavily woode

## their summits.

Asheville is 2,600 above se evel and Piltmore house is about
2,800 . Over the valley of the
French Broad and the Swannanoa a heavy mist rises soon after sun in the afternoon yours. across and see a thunderstorm in the mountains, twenty miles dis tannt. When Pisgah is thus en veloped you think of Sinai with Byron's description of a storm in he $A l_{p s}$ -

## From Asheville back to Atlan

 a, by way of the French Broad and the Holston river, the journey is a pastoral poem. A man who Holston river and the upper Ten nescee, will want to quit every thing else and go to farming. East Tennessee is a garden from New ort to Knoxville.d on theatiful region is guard moky northeast by the Grea hills make the palisades of the rench Broad down to Paint Rock. The American Switzerland has cenes to inspire a painter or a poet. The Cherokees loved this to the West. Even when driven grew poetic in the mountains and peopled the earth and air peopled the earth and air
with "invisible ones" like to
 but the new schedule by way of morrow evening, will goes on to people of Atlanta, Macon and Mid dle Georgia to go between suns
and return the same way. A busiman can leave home Saturday on Monday morning. By taking one more day he can make the round trip through the Land of the Sky and back by the French Broad and the Holston riv
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