

MIGHTY MOUNT MITCHELL

Highest Altitude of Any Peak East of the Rocky Mountains.

PRESIDES OVER SCENES OF SILENT GRANDEUR.

Southern Blue Ridge Country Said to be the Oldest Land in the World—Waves of the Atlantic Once Broke Against the Foot of the Great Peak.

Mount Mitchell is the highest peak in North America east of the Rocky mountains, with an altitude of 6,711 feet. It occupies the southern half of Yancey county, to the east of Buncombe county, and is one of a number of high peaks forming the Black mountains, a spur of the Blue Ridge.

Mount Mitchell, or Mitchell's peak, as it is also called, took its name from Dr. Elisha Mitchell, a professor of the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill. In 1838 Dr. Mitchell explored this wonderful mountain and measured its height, giving to the world the first information that its summit was the highest land in eastern North America, exceeding that of Mount Washington, of New Hampshire, by 419 feet. Previous to 1835 Mount Washington was considered the highest peak east of the Rockies.

Dr. Mitchell, professor of chemistry, mineralogy and geology in the North Carolina university at Chapel Hill, was born in Washington, Conn., in 1793. He graduated with honors at Yale college in 1813 in the class of 1813. He was graduated with honors at Yale college in 1813 in the class of 1813. He was graduated with honors at Yale college in 1813 in the class of 1813.

MOST BEAUTIFUL CAPITAL

That Distinction Now Belongs To The City of Washington.

"What goes on in Washington furnishes grist for the nation's newspapers all the year round, but just now Washington, the city, itself is getting unaccustomed publicity on two accounts," says a bulletin from the National Geographic Society.

"Senator Sherman, of Illinois, wants to move the capital to some western city. Citizens of Washington, apparently oblivious of any such commotion, are waging a national publicity campaign for representation in congress."

Aside from these political issues, the bulletin states, Washington probably has never been such a magnet for visitors as now and those who are coming as well as those who have gone will be interested in the following comparison of Washington with other world capitals written by Viscount James Bryce, former British ambassador to the United States.

"It is impossible to live in Washington and not be struck by some peculiar features and some peculiar beauties which your city possesses. No European city has so noble a cataraict in its vicinity as the Great Falls of the Potomac—a magnificent piece of scenery which you will, of course, always preserve."

"Vienna has some picturesque country, hills and woods and rocks within a distance of 25 or 30 miles. London also has very pleasing landscapes of a softer type within that distance; but I know of no great city which is so completely surrounded by nature as Washington. The city is situated on a high plateau, the sides of the mountain to the east are in the hands of the state and are very rare things, as capitals go, very few indeed, are so advantageously situated in respect to natural charms as is Washington."

"Take Petrosburg. It stands in a sandy waste, perfectly flat, with here and there a swampy pond or lake, and sluggish stream meanders through it. Parts of the environs have, however, been well-planted with trees, and this redeems the city to some extent. It has become, through the efforts of the government and its own citizens, an imposing city; but the environs can never be beautiful, because Nature has never been ungracious."

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bottom of which the rivulet flows. The day was hot and, being thirsty, he asked for a glass of water. They brought him the water, and he was about to drink, when looking down he saw, No, take it away; give it to that poor river; it needs a drink more than I do."

"Then there is our English London, which stands in a rather tame country. It is true that there are some charming bits of quiet and pretty rural scenery in Surrey and Sussex, within a distance of from 20 to 30 miles, and there are pleasing beech woods covering the chalky hills of Bucks. Yet Nature has done nothing for London comparable to what she has done for Washington. The Thames, although it fills up pretty well at high tide, is nowise comparable for volume or beauty of surroundings to your own Potomac."

PRAISE FOR ENGINEERS.

General Langfit Speaks of Splendid Work of the 117th Engineers of the famous 42nd or Rainbow division one of the first American divisions overseas. Citation for gallantry has been bestowed upon the 117th Engineers by Major General W. C. Langfit, chief engineer for American forces in France. It reads:

"1. Upon departure of the 117th engineers, from France and from the American expeditionary forces, the chief of engineers desired to thank Col. J. M. Johnson and the officers and men of his command for the valuable service which they have rendered to the engineer department."

"2. The regiment has participated in all the engagements for the Forty-second division, frequently operating with a bravery and dash as infantry, and yet always attending to its proper engineering duties in providing ways of communications, without which no division can win battle."

"3. In particular it is desired to invite attention to the very remarkable and invaluable engineering work, the corduroy road across the Bar valley. With insufficient tools, with no suitable materials, after days of hard marching, with no food and no sleep, and yet always attending to its proper engineering duties in providing ways of communications, without which no division can win battle."

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CLAIMS AGAINST YORK COUNTY

Statement of Vouchers Issued for Six Months Ending June 30, 1919.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF YORK COUNTY, YORK, S. C., JULY 16, 1919.

Table with columns: No. Voucher, Amount, Description of vouchers including salaries, expenses, and other county funds.

engineers have reflected great honor upon the entire engineers' service, and through you I wish to express to the entire regiment my thanks and appreciations."

Fourteen white men were arrested at Longview, Texas Monday on warrants charging assault with intent to murder in connection with a pitched gun fight between whites and negroes last Friday. The men were later released on bonds of \$1,000 each pending action by the county grand jury.



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P. A. never tires your taste because it has the quality! And, let it slip into your think-tank that P. A. is made by our exclusive patented process that cuts out bite and parch—assurance that you can hit smoke-record-high-spots seven days out of every week without any comeback but real smoke joy!

R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Winston-Salem, N. C.

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