

Who We Are,

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Where We Live!

Under this head we will from time to time endeavor to show some of the advantages Montevallo and the surrounding country possess, and the inducements offered to seekers after health and wealth.

Montevallo is the most central point in the State, and, as the name implies, is a valley surrounded by mountains, some of which are more than one thousand feet high, and are filled with coal, iron and lime. These mountains are also timbered with long leaf yellow pine, oak and hickory in the greatest abundance. The average elevation places us in that attitude that gives to us the year round those health-giving breezes so much desired by the brain worker. Springs of sparkling water and as pure as nature can make, flow from the mountains, the sun-lit skies and mountain breezes, so richly laden with the odor from the pine forests; mountain and valley flowers give to us a climate unsurpassed and where it can be truly said God in His handiwork has blessed Montevallo. The natural drainage entirely precludes the idea of all forms of malarial diseases, and the rosy cheeks and sparkling eyes of our happy maidens, the strong limbed and resolute features of the men is positive proof of the health in this natural sanitarium.

The valley produces all forms of agriculture, and with proper attention rich returns are sure for the soil workers.

Peaches, apples, pears, grapes

and strawberries thrive and bring forth abundant harvests. It is the natural home of all varieties of the vegetable kingdom, and grain of all classes thrive and the natural results are astonishing.

Our coal, iron and lime make us the equal of any section as a manufacturing centre.

Our railroad facilities equal many of the larger cities, and it is to be hoped that in the near future this will be increased by a branch of another great trunk line.

No tongue or pen can portray the many advantages possessed by this quiet and, for years, unassuming queen of coming cities, for we have the finest coal in the world, the finest lime in this country, the best of iron ore, the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, a splendid school for boys and young men, fifteen first-class business houses, a first-class bank, a handsome and well equipped new brick hotel, a good newspaper, a No. 1 saw mill, a good grist mill, a woolen mill, a fertile valley, as fine timber as the world can produce, twelve hundred happy, industrious inhabitants, and a climate that is unequalled for its purity and health-giving qualities.

Our little city has taken on a natural growth that is healthy and vigorous, where all "boom" ideas are illuminated. Land can be bought at reasonable prices. Emigration of the better class is welcomed, and the hand of friendship is extended to all such.
