

SOUTH ATLANTIC & OHIO R. R.

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STONE MOUNTAIN.  
(Cumberland Mt.)

HIGH KNOB.

POWELL MOUNTAIN.

WALLEN'S RIDGE.

POWELL RIVER.



# BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA.

EXTRACT FROM REPORT OF JOHN R. PROCTER (Director of Kentucky Geological Survey) ON BIG STONE GAP.

Big Stone Gap, Virginia, is destined to be a great city:

1. Because the great water-pass through the mountains, at this point, and the passes and valleys leading to this pass, will necessitate a concentration of important lines of railway.
2. Because this is a pass leading from a most remarkable coal-field, and there is no coal between this point, to the southeast, and the Atlantic Ocean; and a large region—an empire in extent—must draw supplies of coal and coke through this pass.
3. Because of the abundance, quality and variety of the iron ores so contiguous here to superior coking coals.
4. Because it is one of the finest natural locations for a large city to be found anywhere in a mountain region.
5. Because it is at the head of the fertile Powell's Valley—long celebrated as the granary of Southwest Virginia and East Tennessee.
6. Because it is a gateway to the largest area of hard-wood timber in America.
7. Because of the salubrious climate, the beauty of the surrounding country, and the abundance of pure water, it is a most attractive place for homes.
8. Because it will be the Commercial Metropolis for a large coal and iron mining district, and a large and populous agricultural district of great fertility.
9. Because of the character and ability of the men who have already made large investments in and around this place, for the purpose of industrial development.
10. Because it combines, in a pre-eminent degree, the advantages of a commercial and industrial center, with those of a health and pleasure resort.

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