

# KIMBALL.

Located in the Heart of the Famous Sequachee Valley.

Ground Broken With Appropriate Ceremonies Yesterday.

Consecrated With a Baptism of Prayer and Song.

Operated by American and English Capitalists.

Untold Resources of Coal, Iron and Timber

Will be Developed by This Company.

Unexcelled Transportation Facilities by River and Rail.

SALUBRIOUS CLIMATE & FERTILE SOIL

Liberal Inducements Offered to Purchasers of Property and to all Industrial Enterprises to be Located at Kimball.

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## "Hurrah for Kimball!"

This was the expression of hundreds of people who flocked there yesterday from north, south, east and west to witness the ceremonies attending "Breaking Ground."

Sequachee Valley, Marion county, East Tennessee has long been famous for the beauty of its situation, the fertility of its soil, the magnitude of its forests and the vast deposits of valuable minerals, especially of coal and iron.

Efforts have been made ever since the close of the war by various parties who appreciated the greatness of the natural resources of that section to bring them to the attention of capitalists, and have them developed on a scale commensurate with their greatness. All these various attempts through a decade have been of value in calling attention to the property and gradually accumulating such evidences of it as would lead men of great means and energy who could influence capital, to make the investigations which have finally resulted in the organization of a company of American capitalists to purchase the whole of this vast property, heretofore known as Wallview, and to secure the co-operation of parties of untried means in Great Britain for operating it on a scale of greater magnitude than was ever before attempted in the South.

The only enterprise in the South that at all approaches what this is designed to be is that at Middleboro, Cumberland Gap, Kentucky. That company is an organization of English capitalists headed by a man of remarkable force and ability with a genius for organization and with a great gift for surrounding himself with men

competent to manage the various departments of a large enterprise and carry them forward successfully.

Every British enterprise started in the United States, if left in the hands of managers fresh from Europe, is more or less handicapped by the fact that our friends from abroad do not and can not understand the peculiarities of our people. It is very greatly to Mr. Arthur's credit that he has succeeded when many others have failed. It is also very greatly to the credit of the Anglo-American corporation (Limited) of London, that they have recognized this important fact, and that they have placed at the fore-front of their enterprise an American gentleman without a peer as a developer. In making Hon. H. I. Kimball their executive manager for a long term of years, they have secured the services of a man whose experience, whose natural gifts of coolness, courage and versatility, are unequalled. Every one who knows Mr. Kimball will endorse this statement, and not to know H. I. Kimball is a confession that no advocate of Southern progress will make.

The financial affairs of the corporation have been placed in the hands of Hon. Logan H. Roots, of Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. Roots is arranging his extensive business connections so as to hereafter devote his time and energies to this immense enterprise. Few men in this country are better known or have been more successful. A millionaire himself, a most affable and courteous gentleman of strictest integrity and great ability. There is no question that this combination of Roots as President and Financial Manager, and Kimball as the "Developer" is an exceedingly strong one.

The Anglo-American Corporation, limited, of London, and the Kimball Town Company, are two organizations with mutual interests, one of which can command all the money required for the heaviest operations; and the other is comprised of some of the foremost financiers and organizers in the United States. It is these last two, that working harmoniously together will build Kimball, and will develop the immense resources of one hundred square miles of territory, comprised in this large estate in Sequachee Valley. The new city of Kimball will cover 4,000 out of 64,000 acres of land belonging to the corporation. The finest civil engineers in the country have been at work for weeks surveying this property with reference to sanitary, and landscape as well as business considerations and have perfected a plan complete in all its details, that will make Kimball one of the most beautiful, healthful and attractive places, as well as the greatest business center in this section of the country.

With a frontage of three miles on the navigable waters of the Tennessee river, that when the Muscle Shoals improvement shall be completed will enable steamers of the largest draught on western rivers to come to its wharves; with the Nashville Chattanooga and St. Louis railroad passing through its center, with the Memphis & Charleston extension of the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia division pushing towards Kimball with great rapidity, and with other lines projected that will soon be built and pass through it, Kimball will have transportation facilities in all directions and with the prices of freight traffic regulated by the immediately available water transportation, will be able to successfully compete with all points in the South.

Prof. Edward Hull, the most eminent geologist of the present day in Great Britain, who, with an accomplished assistant has been spending sometime in examining this property, and whose report to the meeting yesterday is mentioned elsewhere in this article, is exceedingly enthusiastic about this place. After having gone two miles over one of the iron ore belts of this property and examined it carefully as a scientific expert, he inquired how much further it extended, and being told several miles, he said: "I will inquire no further and will advise my people when within the next ten or fifteen hundred years they approach the exhaustion of this belt, they can send me back to look at the rest."

That was the outspoken expression of a gentleman whose six volumes of geological reports are in the reference library of the Smithsonian Institute at Washington and are regarded as standard authorities by geologists all over the globe.

## PICTURESQUE LANDSCAPE.

No person with an eye for the beautiful in nature can visit Kimball without being instantly impressed with its wonderful variety of scenery. It would require, the descriptive powers of Ikarus, or that student of nature, Ruskin to place before the reader anything like a suitable pen picture of that landscape. The valley abounds in picturesque scenery where rivers and hills, lakes and mountains with the undulating valley land rich in agriculture and inhabited by yeomanry of culture, give a diversity of landscape, scenes, setting of scenery that is at once attractive to the artist and will arouse in every one feelings akin to those which inspire the pens of writers and touch the brush of the painter, who strive to put the surroundings in homely phrases or give them lasting impressions on canvass or the more enduring marble.

THE SCENE AT THE INDIAN MOUND where the ceremony of breaking ground took place yesterday was most inspiring. There were assembled the sturdy farming population of the valley in considerable numbers; there the governor of the state with his chief executive officers; there the mayors of various cities and numerous men of eminence in professional, political and business life, and all were animated by a spirit of enthusiasm that is seldom witnessed. But one feature of the occasion that should be mentioned, was that at the very outset, the Kimball Town company entered upon its great enterprise by invoking the blessings of Almighty God upon it. It was a fitting prelude to what follows. It gave the enterprise a certainty of conservative, energetic and faithful work.

Judge Key presided with the dignity that characterizes him in the bench. Hon. Logan H. Roots is a ready, a wise and a vivacious speaker.

Managing Director Kimball presented his views with great force and with that peculiarly terse and business like method characteristic of the man.

All the addresses were very much to the point and all were received with universal approval. We think it may be said that this breaking of ground was without exception, the most unique, the best conducted, the most interesting and the most important that has been attempted in the South.

## BREAKING THE GROUND.

### Impressive Ceremony of Dedication At Kimball Yesterday.

In response to the invitations that had been sent out, the special train which left the Union Depot yesterday carried about five hundred leading citizens of Atlanta, Chattanooga and other cities to the site of Kimball city. A. Bridgeport, Governor Taylor and staff joined the party. Music and refreshments enlivened the occasion and when the party had passed South Pittsburg and reached Kimball they were in an excellent mood for the rich treat that awaited them. An immense flag staff crowned the crest of Kimball. Near the staff a large stand had been constructed and decorated for this occasion. Here the large company gathered while the natural rocky seats near at hand were crowded with the citizens of the Valley.

Hon. Logan H. Roots, President of the association, started the ball to rolling by saying it was his duty to open the proceedings. He said that here on this spot shall be exhibited the grandest industrial development in the United States. This section has no equal for its resources known for a great industrial center, the only place where the Tennessee river is kind enough to turn out of its course to touch the Cumberland coal field. It takes material, brain and money to erect a manufacturing center. This is a baptismal occasion and I am willing to stand as godfather to this infant city of Kimball. This is named after H. I. Kimball and I desire to say that he has never been interested in any enterprise that he has not carried to the finish to the complete satisfaction of the stockholders.

President Roots then nominated the following ladies to raise the flag: Misses Kate Key, Sarah Key and Gray of Chattanooga, and Messes McBride, Crane, Thomas and Jones of Atlanta, while the ladies were preparing to raise the flag H. I. Kimball nominated Hon. D. M. Key, United States Judge as chairman of the meeting. He was unanimously elected and took his position. In the meantime the young ladies raised the flag to the top of the beautiful mast, one hundred and ten feet high. The flag consisted of two parts, one a hand-

some banner of red, white and blue, with "Kimball" in large characters across the center. Immediately beneath it was a large national flag, and as the colors rose amid the plaudits of the large throng assembled, the band played the "Stars and Stripes" and the cannon at the summit of the hill gave three roundings of salutes, and the crowd gave cheer on cheer.

Judge D. M. Key paid a high tribute to Col. Boots who had just preceded him. He said that he had known Col. Boots for many years and was prepared to guarantee that he would faithfully fulfill every promise. He also spoke of the great enterprise, and then pronounced business in order.

The following secretaries were then appointed: Thomas H. Arnold, S. H. Buck, Russell O. Beebe, F. V. Brown and T. A. Harwood.

Dr. A. B. Riker invoked the blessings of God upon the vast undertaking and very fervently prayed that this locality might be especially blessed.

Secretary Arnold read letters of regret from Bishop Quinford, Bishop Joyce and Governor Gordon of Georgia.

The vocal quartette consisting of Mrs. L. G. Walker, Mrs. C. T. Raymond, and Messrs. George Seehorn and Scott Hyde rendered to the great pleasure of the audience, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

Prof. Edward Hull, director of geological survey of Ireland, who made the investigation on behalf of the English Capitalist was introduced. He delineated the mineral resources of the land held by the company, explained the various seams of coal, and advised that the upper seam be not touched for years to come. Prof. Hull said that two grades of iron were found on the property and that he and Professor Hyland agreed that a proper mixture of the two would make pig iron excellently adapted for steel. The company had brains, skill and capital and were able to compete with any company in the United States. One excellent feature of the spring water which abounds here is that it is uniform in temperature summer and winter.

This property has been brought to the notice of parties in London; they have had a report made by the geologist of Capt. C. C. McPhail. In every instance that I have examined this report, I have had occasion to confirm what he has had to say regarding it; and only day before yesterday I sent this cablegram to my clients in London: "McPhail's report confirmed; go ahead."

Prof. Hull's remarks were followed by loud and prolonged applause.

Jude Key said he had now the pleasure of introducing a gentleman who went to Atlanta after it was razed to ruins and practically rebuilt it—including the Kimball House, and when that immense house was burned, rebuilt it and was known abroad as the founder and builder of great structures, and the gentlemen after whom this new city of Kimball had been named. He then introduced Hon. H. I. Kimball who advanced to the front and was received with tremendous applause. He thanked the audience for coming from far and near; he said he was known as a worker not as a speaker. He had been busy for twenty years talking through his pen and business enterprises for the development of this section, but in all that time he had not found a spot that embraced so many and varied reasons for the basis of a city as this location of Kimball. It is the

## ENTREPOT OF THE SEQUACHEE VALLEY.

I want to see all kinds of manufactures located here: nails, pins, buttons, boots, shoes and all kinds of goods needed in the market. Mr. Kimball said there was room enough here for a city of 100,000 population and manufacturers that will employ all classes of labor. "My plan," said he "is that five per cent. of all that is paid for the purchase of property shall go to the erection of churches; five per cent. more for a scientific institute to be known as the Hull Institute. He then spoke of his colleagues in the work as strong brainy men and he knew the new city was already a success. His speech was well received and loudly applauded.

Governor Taylor said this was an occasion important to us and the state of Tennessee. He could now bear the tramp of the coming thousands to inhabit this Southland. Why not build Kimball and Harrison, and Cardiff and South Pittsburg? The hills of East Tennessee contain iron and coal enough to employ millions. We are on the very eve of a great develop-

ment. Mark the prophecy, while there is only about half a million of inhabitants in East Tennessee today, in ten years we will have a population of 2,000,000. There is no longer reason for our young men to go West or South. We should open our gates to the citizens and capital of the East and of England, and invite the people of the world to locate here.

Col. George Adair, of Atlanta, said he sold the location of the Kimball House to Mr. Kimball for \$80,000, and that man built a hotel in sixty-one days; that man started the Atlanta cotton factory, the cotton exposition of 1881; brought glass hens that hatched live chickens; Kimball has done more for the development of Atlanta than any other ten living men. On a \$60,000 subscription, he built a \$700,000 hotel. The only way he did it all, was "to do it," like Eli, he gets there. He'll

## MAKE A TOWN OUT OF KIMBALL.

He has the elements here, and there is no question that he will build a city. The reason why this section is attracting so much attention is that this section is the garden spot of the globe. [Prolonged applause.]

Prof. Hyland, of London, whom Mr. Kimball mentioned as the coming president of the Hull Institute, spoke at length of the natural advantages of Kimball and demonstrated that he was thoroughly acquainted with the resources of this whole section.

Capt. Edward Watkins stated that the native citizens were sometimes slow in anticipating the wonderful results that can be worked out at their homes. We are gathering strength from other cities, like Little Rock, and Atlanta, and the native citizens should arouse themselves and not only witness but engage in the development of the natural wealth of this entire section.

Col. Hutchison, mayor pro tem of Atlanta spoke of the growth of Atlanta and bade the organizers of Kimball, Godspeed in the development of the young city of Kimball.

President Root then handed the spade, garlanded with flowers, to Mr. Kimball. The latter accepted it in a neat address specifying the work it designated. He then called upon Professor Safford and Professor Hull as the gentlemen, who understood what was beneath the soil, to break the ground. The spade was then received by Professor Hull who broke the soil and was followed in turn by Professor Safford.

Mr. Kimball then announced that the work of building the city of "Kimball" had been propitiously begun and would continue to the end. The choir sang the doxology and Rev. Mr. Bitter closed the very interesting and appropriate exercises with a benediction of prayer.

It was then six o'clock and the sun had crept down the valley when the assembled multitude at Kimball left the grove, for their return to their homes.

Prof. Hull, before breaking ground, read the following original poem:

## VIEW FROM OUTLOOK MOUNT, TENN.

Here upon this mount behold a wondrous scene,  
Surpassing far the painter's, poet's, liveliest dream.  
Of a river beauty and of crested heights,  
Of spacious plain where flows the river bright.

Here the primal peaks from plain to plain  
O'er crested ridge and outward toward the main;  
Here rise the stately towers of Chattanooga wide,  
Here streets extend from hills to river-side.

Here once the hunter chased the antlered deer,  
Here once he met his foe with tomahawk or spear,  
Here rose victorious from the deadly strife  
And bore away the trophies of the scalping knife.

Here too, the bear, the panther and the bear  
Lurked in den, or crouched beneath his lair;  
No woodman's ax, no railway engine's blast  
Awoke the echoes of that forest vast.

Now all is changed! Gone is the red man's trail,  
No more to hear the war whoop or the victim's wail.  
The friendly plume smokes "the pipe of peace,"  
Amidst his pigs, his poultry and his geese!

A lone of ancient days remains the landscape wide,  
Whence rise the towering cities, where flows the river's tide.  
Here stand the giant oak, the poplar and the pine  
Fide of the primal forest, erect with head sublime.

Now, with a seer's eye, I scan no distant scene;  
A city large and fair shall spring from the meadow green.  
Its walls and battlements are washed by the river tide,  
Its churches, halls and palaces extend from side to side.

"Mount Kimball" soon shall make her fame be known,  
Where art, religion and science find a welcome home;  
Here industry brings wealth and wealth alleviates pain,  
Here virtue, truth and poetry forever reign.