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Bank of the Monongahela Valley

is afforded pleasure in being able to present to its patrons and friends this booklet, teeming with interesting "nut-shell" information about the greatest state in the Union. West Virginia was formerly referred to as the "Little Mountain State," but that name is now regarded as a misnomer. A study of these pages will reveal, in a limited way, the greatness of our Commonwealth. No other state in the Union abounds in so much, or such a wide variety of Nature's riches. To use a Biblical quotation, it is "a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat, and barley, and vines and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of olive oil and honey; a land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shall not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayst dig brass."

It is a pleasure to record that West Virginia is not only rich in natural re-

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HISTORICAL

West Virginia was admitted to the Union June 20, 1863.

The first battle of the Revolutionary War was fought at Point Pleasant October 10, 1774.

The last battle of the Revolutionary War was fought at Wheeling on September 11, 1782.

The first battle of the Civil War was fought at Philippi, June 3, 1861.

The largest conical mound built by a pre-historic race is located at Moundsville; height 75 feet, circumference at base 900 feet. Estimated built more than three thousand years ago

The first boat propelled by steam was built in West Virginia by James Rumsey, in 1784. It was successfully tested on the Potomac near Shepherdstown.

The first electric railroad in the world built as a commercial enterprise was constructed between Huntington and Guyandotte, West Va.

The first brick pavement laid in the world was in Charleston, in 1870, by Dr. J. P. Hale, at that time mayor of the city. Dr. Hale also introduced English Sparrows into the United States about the same time.

Mothers' Day originated in West Virginia, by a native of this State.

GEOGRAPHICAL

West Virginia has an area of 24,022 square miles.

The extreme length of the State is 225 miles.

The extreme breadth is 200 miles.

The State is divided into 55 counties.

The average temperature is 55.7 degrees Fahrenheit.

The highest recorded temperature is 110 degrees Fahrenheit.

The lowest recorded temperature is 37 degrees below zero.

Rain fall ranges from 35 to 40 inches.

The lowest point is 240 feet above sea level.

The highest point is Spruce Knob in Pendleton County, 4,860 feet above sea level.

West Virginia is 50 miles from Washington on the east; extends 25 miles north of Pittsburgh; reaches beyond the middle of Ohio on the west; and is 25 miles south of Richmond, Virginia.

It is referred to as the most northern of the southern states, the most southern of the northern states, the most eastern of the western states, and the most western of the eastern states.

POPULATION

West Virginia is twenty-seventh in population compared with all the states in the Union.

It is eleventh in density of population having 60.9 inhabitants per square mile. For the United States the density of population is 35.5 per square mile.

When the State was admitted to the Union in 1863, population was 376,688.

Today the population is.....	1,463,701	
Native white	1,315,329	
Foreign born	61,906	4%
Negro	86,345	
Indians and others.....	121	

SOME NOTED WEST VIRGINIANS

General Thomas J. Jackson (Stonewall), a West Virginian, was one of the most famous officers of the Southern Confederacy.

The "Message to Garcia" was carried by Andrew S. Rowan, a Monroe County soldier. General Miles said this was an act of heroism "unequaled in the annals of warfare."

Two West Virginians were selected for President Wilson's Cabinet; Newton D. Baker and Judge John Barton Payne. Judge Payne is now president of the American Red Cross.

Mr. Wilson appointed John W. Davis, a West Virginian, as Ambassador to the Court of St. James. Mr. Davis is now president of the American Bar Association.

The system of Rural Free Delivery was originated by a West Virginian, Hon. William L. Wilson, when he was Postmaster General under President Cleveland. He was also author of the famous Wilson Tariff law.

General John Leonard Hines, second in command of the army under General Pershing is a native of West Virginia.

Melville Davidson Post, internationally known short story writer; Margaret Prescott Montague, noted novelist and short story writer; Floyd W. Parsons, leading writer on industrial subjects in the United States; Herbert Quick, noted novelist—these are a few of the well known West Virginia authors.

Michael J. Owens, inventor of the bottle making machine and sheet-glass drawing apparatus, is a native son. Mr. Owens is considered one of the leading manufacturers of glass in the world.

Dr. I. C. White, one of the most noted Geologists in the world, is a West Virginian.

MANUFACTURING

The number of manufacturing establishments in West Virginia is 2,785.

There are 93,688 persons engaged in this industry.

The value of manufactured products (1919), \$471,971,877.

(Value of coal produced 1919, \$193,108,343.)

(Value of natural gas and oil 1919, \$99,518,304.)

The glass industry products valued at \$42,730,338.

The value of the pottery industry is more than ten million dollars.

West Virginia ranks sixth in the steel and rolling mill industry.

This State produced 65.7 per cent of all the jelly glasses, tumblers and goblets, and 43.7 per cent of the stem ware made in the United States.

There is more potential water power in West Virginia in proportion to area than in any State in the Union. (1,051,000 horse power.)

The finest grade of gasoline absorbed from natural gas in the United States is produced in West Virginia.

AGRICULTURE

West Virginia has 87,289 farms.

There are 9,569,790 acres or 62.2 per cent of the total land area in farms.

These farms are valued at \$496,439,617.

Crops produced on these farms (1919) were valued at \$96,537,459.

In 1919 there were 3,747,812 bushels of wheat raised in the State.

The same year there were 17,010,357 bushels of corn.

The potato crop was 2,809,398 bushels.

More than seven thousand acres produced 7,587,052 pounds of tobacco.

In 1919—509,839 sheep grazed on our fields which produced 2,442,090 pounds of wool.

Wool grown in Brooke County, West Virginia, was awarded highest prize at the Paris Exposition in competition with wool from every section of the world.

West Virginia's poultry and eggs were worth \$12,728,178 in 1919.

The sale of dairy products in this State amounted to \$11,390,209.

There are 5,554,731 fruit bearing apple trees, and 2,049,862 fruit bearing peach trees.

West Virginia ranks third in the production of buckwheat.

What is said to be the best Guernsey herd in the United States is in this State.

One of the four best Hereford herds in the United States is here.

This State ranks first in the United States in percentage of farm lands free from mortgages, having 73 per cent clear of debt.

West Virginia farmers are 98.6 per cent American born. This is the highest per cent of native born farmers to be found in any state in the Union.

This State ranks among the first twelve in Peach growing and is one of the first nine in apple growing.

The second largest peach orchard in the world is in West Virginia.

West Virginia has more blue grass acreage than Kentucky or any other state.

This State has more than 1,600 varieties of flowering plants.

The Grimes Golden and Starks Delicious apples originated in West Virginia.

What is said to be the only monument in the world erected in memory of an apple is one in Brooke County to the Grimes Golden apple.

The only demonstration school for apple packing in the world is located in this State.

West Virginia ranks twentieth in area of improved farm land.

More than eleven thousand boys and girls belong to the Four H agricultural clubs. West Virginia was one of the first states in the Union to introduce this work.

COAL

West Virginia has more unmined bituminous coal than any state in the Union—160,000,000,000 tons.

At present rate of production (80,000,000 tons annually) it will take 2,000 years to exhaust the supply.

Here is found the best bituminous and by-product coals to be found in the world.

West Virginia ranks second of all the states in the Union in the production of coal.

There are 125,000 persons engaged in this industry.

The State has 1,287 bituminous coal mines.

All coal mines in the State operate under 8 hour day, 6 days a week schedule.

West Virginia is now producing 60 per cent more coal than was mined in the United States in 1880.

There are twenty-nine seams mined in a commercial way.

Ten thousand square miles of West Virginia territory is underlaid with coal. Mines are found in 36 of the 55 counties.

This State is in the heart of the greatest coal field in the world, the Appalachian.

What is claimed to be the longest rope and button coal conveyor in the world is located at Glogora, W. Va.

LARGEST IN THE WORLD

- Proprietary remedies company—Wheeling.
Electrical porcelain plant—Parkersburg.
Sanitary pottery—Mannington.
Stogie factory—Wheeling.
Clothes pin factory—Richwood.
Shovel factory—Parkersburg.
Sheet glass factory—Charleston.
Pressed prism glass factory—Morgantown.
Tannery—Richwood.
Vitrolite plant—Parkersburg.
Hosiery mills—Martinsburg.
Axe factory—Charleston.
Natural gas gasoline plant—Hastings.
Largest bottle factory—Fairmont; second
largest bottle factory—Charleston.
Iron nail factory—Wheeling.
Toy marble factory—Clarksburg.
Hand cradle factory—Moundsville.
The deepest well in the world near Fairmont,
7,386 feet.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Fifty years ago West Virginia had 431 public schools taught by 387 teachers with an annual expenditure of \$7,772.90.

Today West Virginia has 7,419 schools provided over by 12,869 teachers with an annual expenditure of \$22,209,813.00.

Fifty years ago there was not a high school in the State. Today there are 205 modern high schools, 1,441 high school teachers, and 24,624 students.

West Virginia University was organized fifty-seven years ago. At that time it had a president and four instructors, less than thirty students, and its property valuation was \$51,000.00.

Today West Virginia University has 184 instructors, 2,672 students, and its property valuation is \$1,500,000.00.

The State maintains six modern well equipped teacher training normal schools, two training schools for negro teachers, two schools devoted to trade work, one deaf and blind school, an industrial school for boys and a similar institution for girls.

The State has a wealth of private and denominational schools: Wesleyan College, Buckhannon; Bethany College, Salem College, Pattie C. Stockdale School, (Presbyterian), Davis and Elkins College, Bluefield College, Morris Harvey College, Lewisburg Seminary, Greenbrier Military School, Alderson Baptist Academy, Broadus College,

Philippi; St. Hilda's Hall (for girls), Mount de Chantal Academy, Linsley Institute, Old Dominion Academy, St. John's Academy, West Virginia Synodical School at Madison, and Storer College (for Negroes).

Twenty-one states spent less in 1919-20 on education than did West Virginia. Illiteracy in West Virginia 1910, 8.3 per cent; 1920, 6.4 per cent.

West Virginia was one of the first States in the Union to accept the Federal Act providing for rehabilitation of persons disabled in industry.

VALUATION

When West Virginia was organized in 1863 her valuation was \$92,500,000.00.

Today her assessed valuation is \$2,092,571,862.00.

Her bank deposits amount to more than \$300,000,000.00.

The per capita wealth of people in West Virginia is \$1,429.64. The per capita wealth of people living in New York State is \$1,155.77.

Charleston, the Capital city, is the third city in wealth per capita in the United States.

TRANSPORTATION

The first railroad to enter West Virginia was the Baltimore and Ohio, which extended from Baltimore to Harper's Ferry, a distance of 81 miles. It was begun July 4, 1828, just 14 years after the first locomotive was constructed.

Today we have twelve railroads that serve the State with a total length of more than five thousand miles.

The property valuation of railroads in the State is more than two hundred million dollars.

There are 4,479 miles of class "A" roads in West Virginia.

West Virginia is now spending fifty million dollars on additional improved highways.

The State is crossed by the National Highway, the Midland Trail, and the Northwestern Pike.

The largest contract known for electric work was let May 1, 1923, to the Westinghouse Electric Company for electrifying a portion of the Virginian Railway, to cross a mountain section of West Virginia and a section of Virginia.

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Forty-three per cent of all the farms in West Virginia have telephones.

The first telephone in West Virginia was installed at Wheeling May 15, 1880. This was four years after the telephone was invented.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

West Virginia stands seventh in Sunday School work according to the rating of the International Sunday School Board.

There are 3,577 Sunday Schools in the State. They have an enrollment of 338,138 or practically one-fourth the population.

There are 1,892 adult classes.

Children's classes number 1,558.

The State Sunday School Association employs two full time superintendents, one for young people and one for adults.

Fifty of the fifty-five counties have well organized Sunday School associations.

CHILD LABOR LAWS

West Virginia is one of the 17 states in the Union having Child Labor Laws "equal or superior to the standard of first and second federal laws."

The minimum age for a boy who works in a mine is 16 years.

Eight hour day, forty-eight hour week, in factories and stores for children under sixteen years of age.

Minimum age for children in factories and stores is 14 years.

West Virginia has a Compulsory school attendance law for children up to 16 years of age.

OIL AND GAS

The number of petroleum and natural gas wells in West Virginia is 27,363.

The State produces annually 202,000,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

There are 230 natural gas gasoline plants in the State.

The first casing head gasoline plant erected in the world was at Sistersville, West Va.

LUMBER INDUSTRY

West Virginia ranks first in the production of chestnut and yellow poplar lumber.

It ranks third in the production of hardwood lumber.

The value of lumber and timber products in 1919 was \$34,419,523.00.

The United States Government owns 218,000 acres of forests in West Virginia.

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sources, but is possessed of greater wealth in a sturdy, progressive, liberty-loving, God-fearing citizenship, and we rejoice in the fact that

The

Bank of the Monongahela Valley

is privileged to serve a clientele comprising a goodly portion of West Virginia's fine body of womanhood and manhood.

It is our hope that you will preserve this booklet for future reference and study, and when you hear some misinformed person traducing the fair name of our State, you will be able to answer, to your own satisfaction at least, that among the stars comprising the galaxy representative of this glorious Union, none shines with greater brightness than does the one representing the great State of West Virginia.

With our compliments.

Bank of the Monongahela Valley

Morgantown, West Va.

CONDENSED STATEMENT

**Bank of
The Monongahela Valley**

Capital - - - - - \$300,000
Surplus - - - - - \$500,000

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

June 30, 1923

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts -----	\$ 4,230,921.02
Bonds and Securities -----	413,252.10
Real Estate -----	18,175.00
Furniture and Fixtures -----	74,704.06
Due from Banks -----	360,860.91
Cash -----	141,319.79
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	\$ 5,239,232.89

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock -----	\$ 300,000.00
Surplus -----	500,000.00
Undivided Profits -----	170,649.39
Deposits -----	4,168,083.50
Rediscounts -----	100,500.00
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	\$ 5,239,232.89

SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES FOR RENT.