

# **Like a Mighty Giant...**

## **Johnson City Stalks on to the Goal in Spite of Hard Times**

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During all these hard times Johnson City has done more good and permanent work than any other town, large or small, in the South. Notwithstanding the bad weather, work has steadily advanced on all the plants and factories, until now we are on the threshold of prosperity's open door. In the next sixty days we will have completed one of the most magnificent, and capacious hotels in the State. We refer to the **Carnegie Hotel**, which is being erected by the **Carnegie Land Company** in their addition to Johnson City. This hotel, which is built of re-pressed brick and trimmed with white stone; is three stories high; 150' long by 140' wide and contains 120 bed rooms 12' x 24' in dimensions besides offices, parlors, dining rooms, etc. all having monstrous proportions, and is supplied with all modern improvements, such as water, gas and electricity. It will be furnished at considerable cost – the carpeting and furniture alone costing over \$21,000. The same company has now nearing completion a blast furnace of 125 ton capacity, which in point of material and architecture, is without equal in the South. The Carnegie Land Company works to improve their property and construct their edifices as if they were building for eternity. It has almost every street in Carnegie cut down and filled up to uniform grade, and every dollar that it realizes from the sale of real estate it turns back in the shape of improvements. The operations of this company should inspire the utmost confidence to all as to the future of Johnson City.

Not far from the great tannery, which has been in successful operation for several years, are the immense flouring mills of **Brown & Biddle**. These mills have a capacity of 125 barrels per day and will be completed as soon as the machinery has all arrived. Messrs Brown & Biddle came here from Pennsylvania, and say that the iron workers of Pittsburgh see the hand writing on the wall, and are about to fold their iron tents and steal away to this wonderful steel producing land.

Coming nearer the old town we find the most wonderful and valuable acquisition to Johnson City – The **Electric Lighting and Power Station**. This plant which is backed by a wealthy and enterprising company from Waterbury, Connecticut, is simply without an equal in the South. This company has set us a profitable example of what can be done in the winter, as it has done nearly all the work on this plant (and it is now most completed) during the unfavorable weather of the past winter. The

two-fold purpose to furnish light and streetcar power has been carried along together with such remarkable calculation that inside of 60 days we will not only have one of the best systems of electric lights in the country, but will also have three or four miles of track laid and cars running.

The **Hotel Carlisle**, one of the handsomest in this section, will also be opened up in a couple of months. It is a party of firm Kentucky gentlemen who mean business. The Proctor Land Company composed of some of the most eminent and wealthy citizens of Tennessee and Kentucky are preparing to make a startling opening of their property to the public attention and attainment. This property comprises several hundred acres of desirable property, both for residences and factory purposes. The **Johnson City Real Estate Company** has also done some valuable work in the location of plants and factories, notably among which is the foundry and machine shops. Truly the company has its strong shoulder to the wheel and is furnishing its proportional part of the wonderful momentum Johnson City has attained. In fact, everybody and everything is coming to Johnson City the great iron and steel producing center of the South. Energy, capital and nature, all say that Johnson City is the favorite spot and verily it is, come and see.

JOHNSON CITY, The Future  
IRON and STEEL  
Manufacturing Centre of the  
SOUTH.

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Nature's Site for the Reduction of the  
CELEBRATED CRANBERRY  
STEEL PRODUCING ORES.

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THE ONLY TOWN IN THE SOUTH  
WHERE BESSEMER PIG CAN BE  
MANUFACTURED AT \$10  
PER TON.

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JOHNSON CITY, TENN.,—ONE OF THE SUB-  
STANTIAL YOUNG CITIES OF THE SOUTH—

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