BLACK HILLS BEAUTY AREA

Description of S. Dakota Moun tain Scenery Amid Which Summer White House Is To Be Located

(By National Press Association When President Coolidge selected the Black Hills for the Summer White House he evidently had several things in mind. He desired to get better acquainted with the people and conditions west of the Mississippi River. He wanted to spend his brief vacation period in a region that would give him the greatest comfort, without the frills and furbelows an ultra-fashionable summer resort. He also had in mind the fact that the climate would lessen the discomfort caused by the pollen season, for the President during the summer months is afflicted with what might be termed, or is at least akin to, rose or hay fever, so cool, crisp mountain air relieves him of the amoyance of ferson, and Roosevelt. Then there is any nasal trouble.

Origin of Name

of gray granite, all tend to give them highway approaching the Needles. a deep purple or ripe plum coloring.

The Black Hills proper are containet in an area of over a hundred miles north and south, with an average width of fifty miles. On the north one finds a great government irrigation project, fed by the crystal streams from the mountains, while to the south of the Black Hills are the mineral springs noted for their healthgiving properties. On the east are the vast prairies of the state, and these too are fed by the streams that cascade down over the granite benches, while on the west are the plains of South Dakota's neighbor, Wyoming. All these streams, pines, spruce, and granite hills give one an atmosphere undefiled, unsulfied, or unspoiled by smoke, smudge, or any other of man's products. The clear wholesome air carries a perfume of the breath of the pines. Gurgling, dashing, crystal streams of water jump from sunshine to shadow. In one gorge you find primeval solitude. A short walk brings one to a well kept roadway that carries one to business or agricultural centers. Nature's and man's achievements are cleverly placed side by side, but in such a manner that one does not detract from the advantages or beauty of the other.

# Is Fortunate

lost some of their heart appeal. The men and women who appreciate na- country that Theodore Roosevelt wor nature lovers spend thier vacation son. period. For instance, there is one For those who are fond of animals, beautiful spot which the writer has in one may see hundreds of buffaloes in ine, while a few steps from the front to call the Black Hills home. worch is a trout stream, filled with The streams of the Black Hills are rainbows. On the other side of the filled with tempting members of the crystal stream stand the stately finny tribe. birch. An exquisite jewel in a beauti- "I wind about, in and out, ful setting.

The vacationist, who must have the latest conveniences, can in this section of the country find sporty golf courses, splendidly maintained high-ways, or if one desires to "Lindbergh" the Black Hills, at Rapid City he may take an airplane and view the Black Hills from the air.

Lavish Nature

The Black Hills have long been kota. square in America." Not only on acthe traveler, but also because of the vast amount of precious metals that have been taken from the Hills, gold being the principal one, and it has een estimated that since 1876 over \$300,000,000 worth of the yellow metal has been taken from the depths of the Black Hills mines.

There is no necessity, there should be no urge to visit Europe to view masterful scenery, for on Rapid Creek, which traverses the Black Hills, one finds scenery that equal if not excels, that of Switzerland.

South Dakotans are so proud of of years ago they established a State amount of food you eat. In our Game Lodge, the place where Presi- also helps a little. dent Coolidge will reside this summer. All the ingenuity of man was called into play to erect a suitable edifice, a structure that would not only endure, but be most pleasing to the eye, as well as being equipped with every modern architectural advantage. There are forty odd rooms in the Game Lodge, and it is surrounded by stately, beautiful trees and towering hills. In the foreground are vast beds of beautiful flowers, while a hundred yards or so from the front porch runs a clear-as-crystal stream, bridged here and there by mountain rustic bridges whose very sturdiness of construction adds to their beauty. A part of the game park abuts the site of Game Lodge and from the

porches one may see elk, antelope,

deer, bear and buffaloes.

It is impossible to chronicle but a very, very small part of the beauties possessed by the Black Hills, but a few of them are particularly worthy of note. There is the solid mountain of granite, in which will be eternalized the great figures of the Nation's progress, Washington, Lincoln, Jefthe Devil's Tower, which according to an Indian Legend runs as follows: Two children who were playing on The name "Black Hills" does not the plains, were pursued by a bear. convey to the average mind the beau- They prayed, and the Great Spirit, ties and wonders of this section of answering them, raised the ground the country! These peaks, that are the underneath them and formed this highest between the Rockies and the Tower. The sides are fluted which, Himalayas, derived their name from according to the legend, are the the Sioux Indians, to whom these marks of the bear's claws in his mountains were sacred. In the Sioux savage efforts to reach the little ones. language Paha, meaning Hills, and That there may be conveyed an idea Sapa, meaning Black, was the title of the immensity of this work of that the Tribes gave them, and the nature, it needs but to say that the name has never been changed. If one tops of the high trees are over 800 really wanted to be correct as to color feet below the crown of the Tower. they would be named the Purple Then there is the Old Man of the mountains, for the abundant growth Mountain, while the Traffic Cop, a of pines, blue spruce, and vast hills rock formation, stands guard at the

> "City of Seven Valleys" One of the most inviting entrances to the Hills is through Rapid City, on the banks of the Rapid River. Rapid City has been called the "City of Seven Valleys," owing to the fact that there are seven creek valleys in its natural territory. Rapid City is the largest railroad and commercial cen-Four separate railway systems enter the city. Within its confines is the famous South Dakota State School of Mines, noted for having trained many of the leading geologists and mining engineers of the United States and in this section of the Black Hills cae not only finds beautiful flowers) but luscious fruits throughout the long spring and summer season.

It is more than probable that the newspaper men, who always accompany the President, will be most agreeably surprised, because Senators Mc-Master and Norbeck has promised that there will be full and ample accommodations, not only for the President's party, but for the newspaper correspondents and news photographers. Additional telegraph and telephone lines will be run to Game Lodge and also the the point where! the newspaper men will be quartered. The President will thus be in con-It is fortunate in a way that the stant communication by telegraph or communities of the Black Hills have telephone with the departments in not had a strenuous and fashionable Washington, and the newspaper men boom, for perhaps they would have will be given ample facilities to file

Much Wild Game Here Black Hills are populated largely by One must not overlook the fact miners, tradesmen, and farmers; that it was in this section of the ture at her very best. One sees unpre- health and vigor, and a knowledge of tentious abodes; a short distance the people of the west, and on Mount away is a comfortable well-appointed Roosevelt, overlooking the famous old Lodge, a summer home for one who town of Deadwood, stands the Rooseappreciates not only the beauties of sevelt Monument, atop it the Stars nature but the health-giving proper- and Stripes that T. R. loved so well.

ties that are derived from the won- There is no trouble in the Black derful air of the Black Hills. The sky Hills to keep cool in summer. Soft rivals that beautiful blue that Italy breezes are everywhere. There is no boasts so much about. Beautiful humidity, and in addition there is a flowers clothe the valleys and the hill- natural freak called the Icebox Cave sides, and owing to the fertility of (near Englewood) where ice forms the soil there is practically a new all summer, regardless of the tempervariety each week. There are numer- ature outside, though it is at a lower ous excellent and modern hotels, cot- altitude than the higher points clothtages, small lodges, and cabins where ed with living green through the sea-

aind, of a log cabin, in fact, it might the State Park, also there may be well be called a lodge. Back of this found deer, antelope, elk, and other abode is the blue black mountain wild game, while old Bruin is content

With here a blossom sailing, And here and there a lusty trout

And here and there a grayling." The President of the United States should return to Washington after his vacation in the finest physical form, for during the day he can stroll along the trails, or angle for trout and other fish, while at night he will sleep beneath blankets and through his win-Sometimes nature lavishes many of dows will come the cool, crisp air er blessings on one particular spot. from the Black Hills of South Da-

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