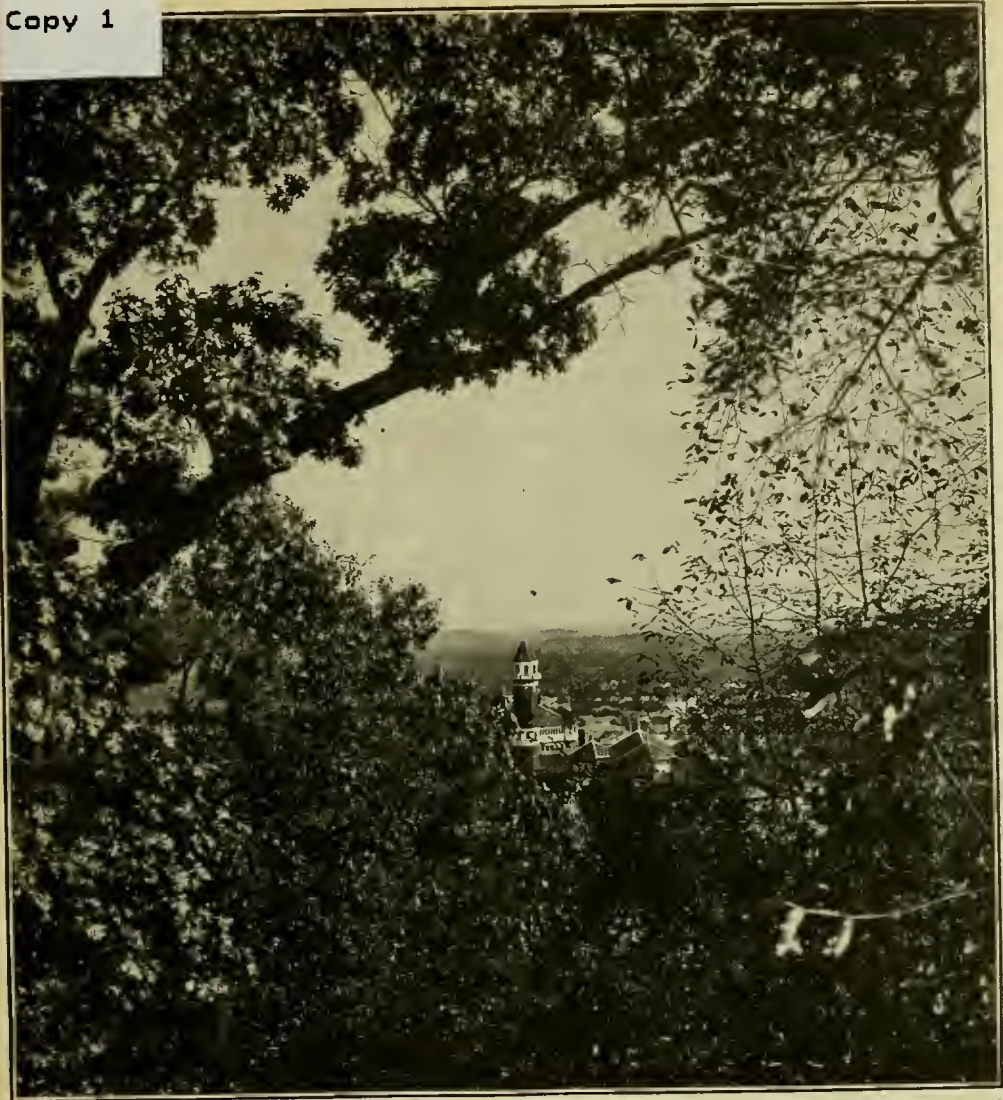


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# THE HOT SPRINGS

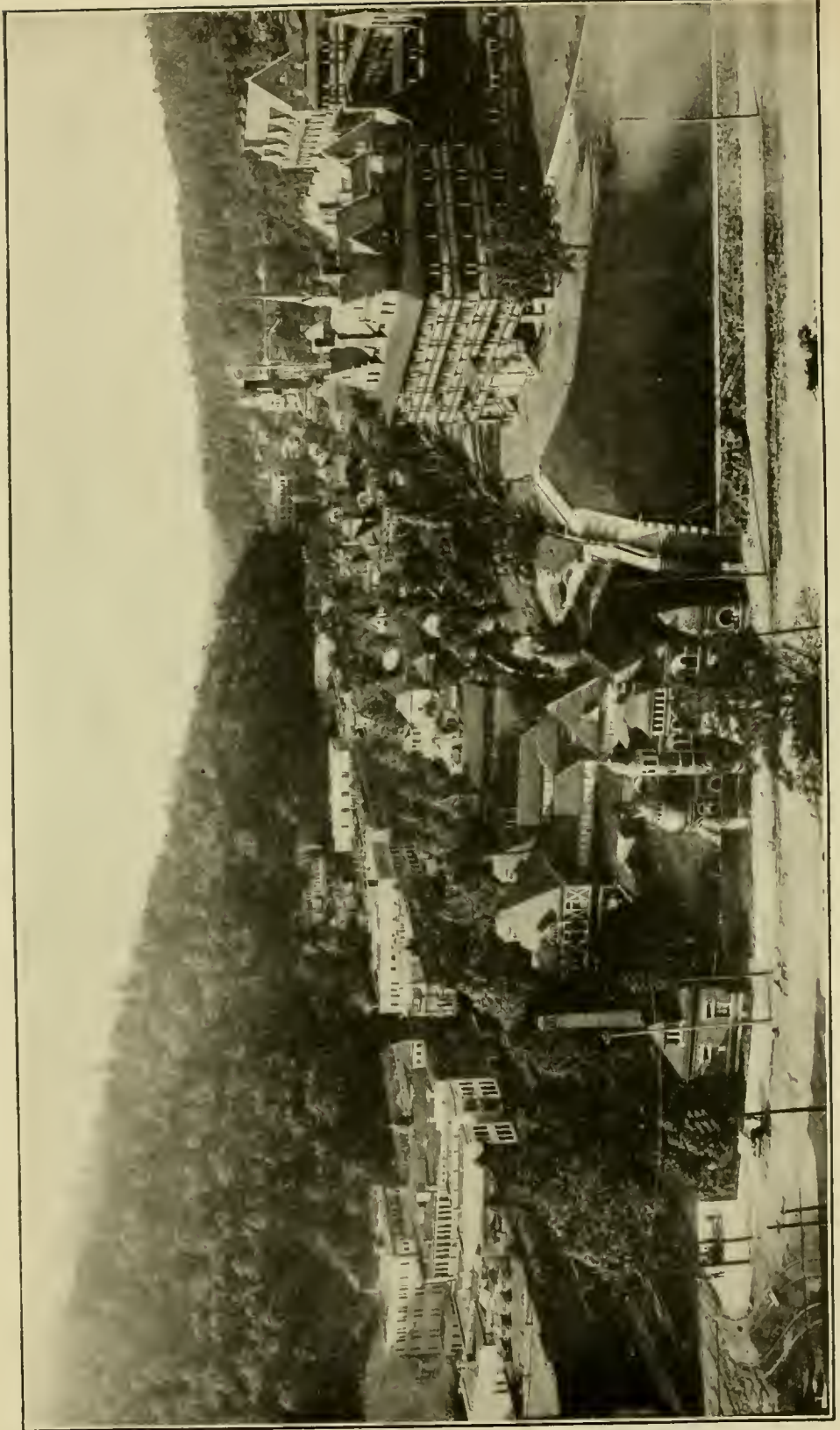
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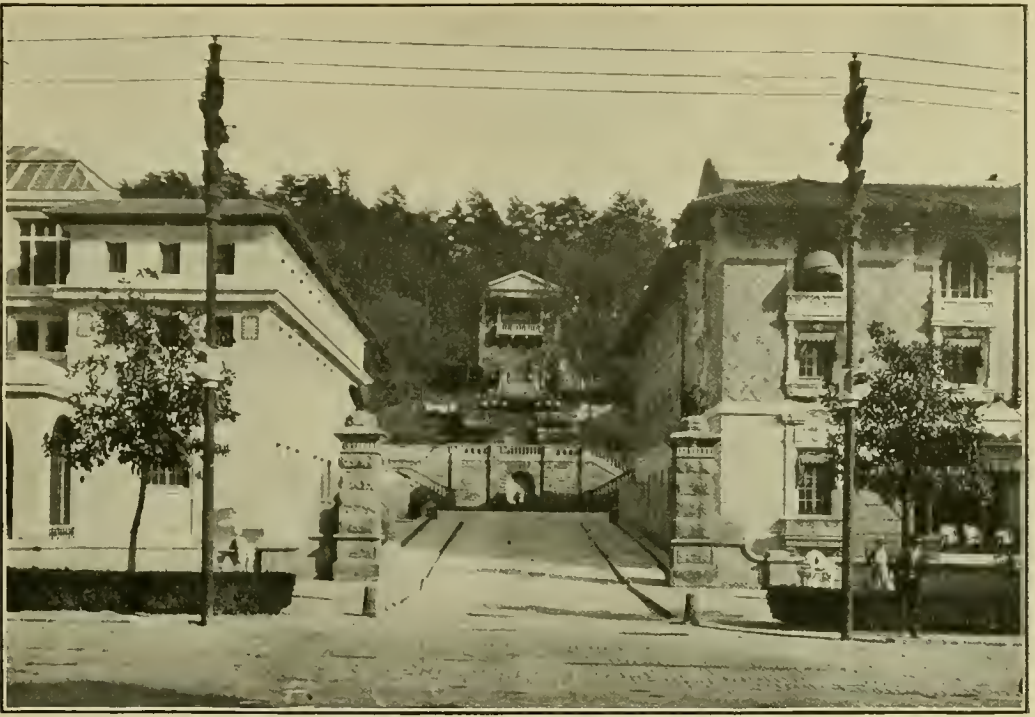
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GENERAL VIEW OF HOT SPRINGS RESERVATION, THE FIRST NATIONAL PARK

The hill on the right is Hot Springs Mountain; the large group of buildings is the Army and Navy Hospital; the city is seen on the left



MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE HOT SPRINGS RESERVATION

# SPRINGS OF HEALING

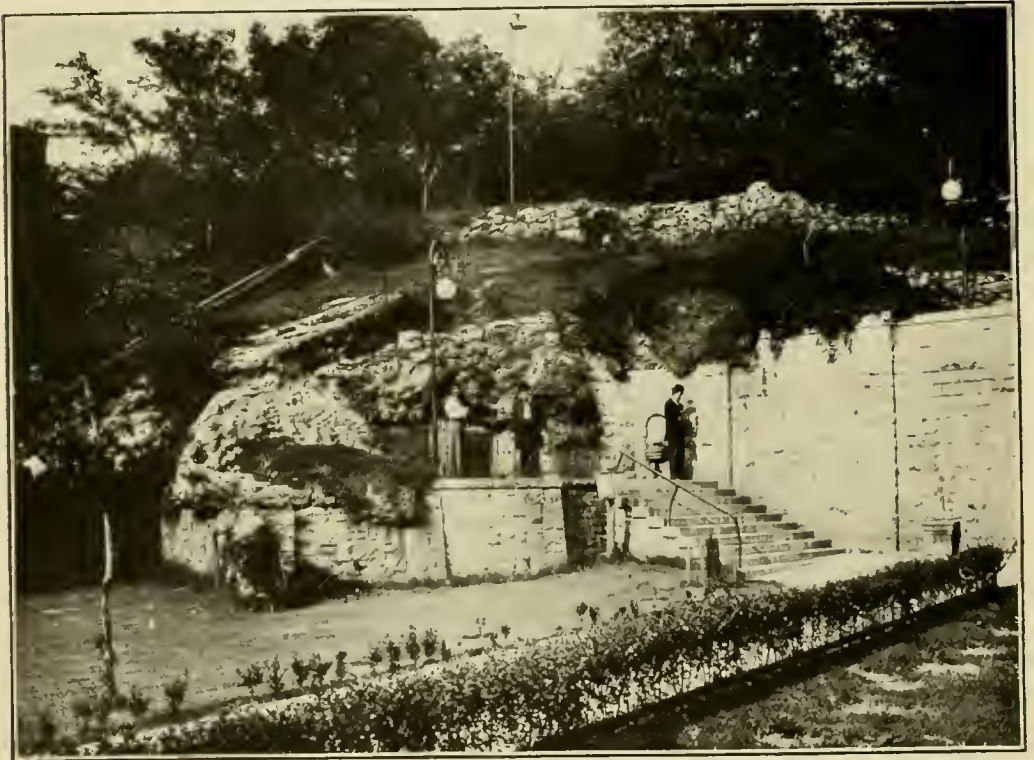
**F**ROM the slopes of a picturesque wooded hill among the wild and romantic Ozark Mountains of Arkansas flow springs of hot water whose powers to alleviate certain bodily ills have been recognized for many generations. Tradition has it that their curative properties were known to the Indians long before the Spanish invasion. It is probable that they were known to De Soto, who died in 1542, less than a hundred miles away. It is tradition that Indian warring tribes suspended all hostilities at these healing springs whose neighborhood they called "The Land of Peace."

Government analyses of the waters disclose more than twenty chemical constituents, but it is not these nor their combination to which is principally attributed the water's unquestioned helpfulness in many disordered conditions, but to their remarkable radioactivity.

The reservation is the oldest national park, having received that status in 1832, forty years before the wonders of the Yellowstone first inspired Congress with the idea that scenery was a national asset deserving of preservation for the use and enjoyment of succeeding generations. No aesthetic consideration was involved in this early act of national conservation. Congress was inspired only by the undoubted, but at that time inexplicable, natural power of these waters to alleviate certain bodily ills. The motive was to retain these unique waters in public possession to be available to all persons for all time at a minimum, even a nominal, cost.



THE PROMENADE AT HOT SPRINGS



MAURICE SPRING, HOT SPRINGS RESERVATION  
This is centrally located and hundreds of persons visit it daily



ONE OF THE BEST GOLF COURSES IN THE SOUTH

## DR. NATURE'S WATER CURE

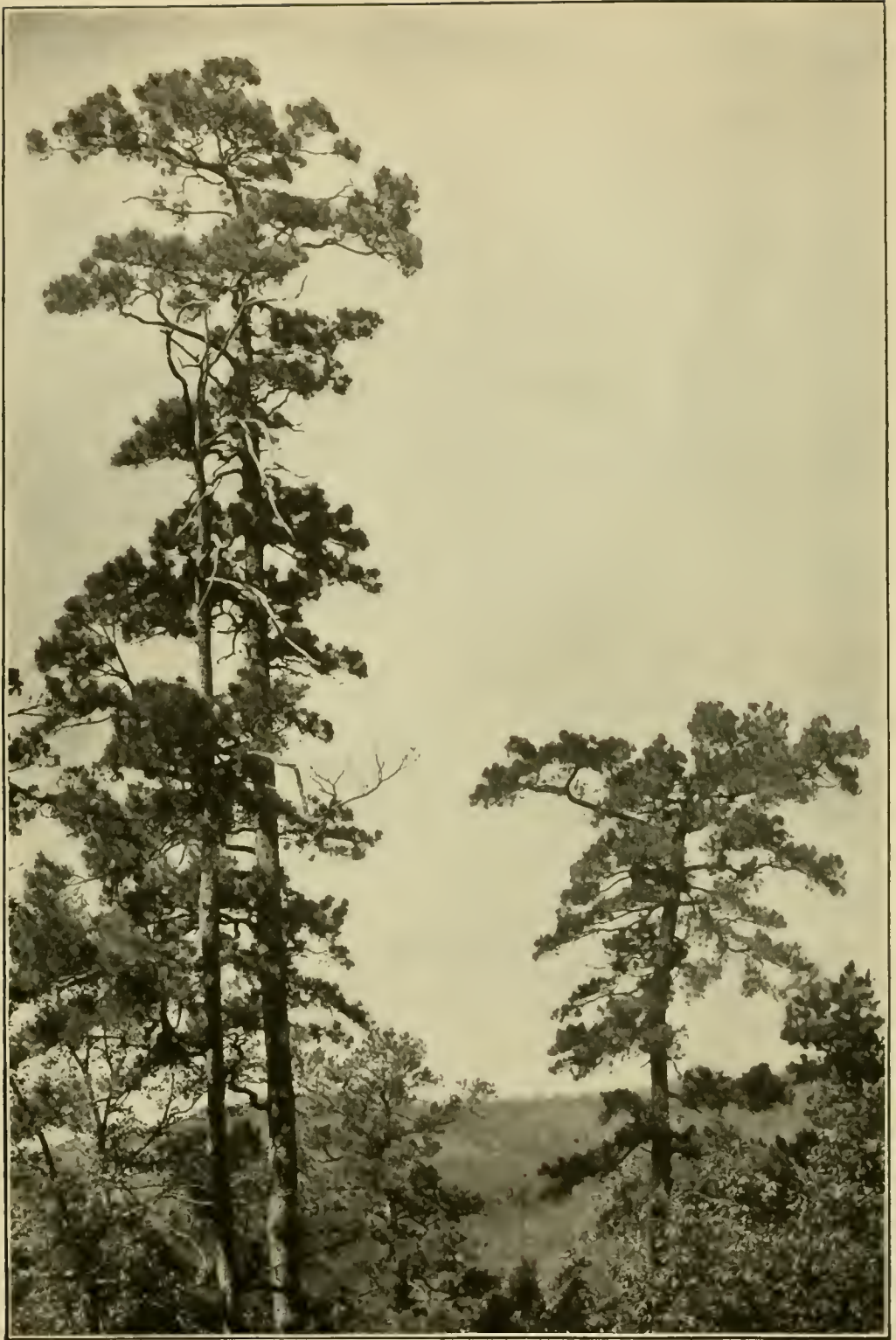
**H**OT SPRINGS has much besides its curative waters to attract and hold the visitor. It has one of the best and most interesting golf courses in the South. The surrounding country is romantically beautiful. Many miles of woodland trail lead the walker and the horseback rider through pine-scented glades and glens and over mountain tops of unusual charm. There is tennis for the young folks, ostrich and alligator farms for the curious, and the gayeties of life in big hotels for all.

Hot Springs is not merely a winter resort, as used to be supposed. Climate and conditions are delightful the year around, as increasing throngs are rapidly discovering. It is above all a place for rest and recuperation. More and more winter visitors are remaining through April and May, when the spring is young and glorious and the baths the most efficacious. But those who remain after March should bring summer clothing, as the temperature then ranges from 65 to 85 degrees.

The reservation includes three mountains and a lake, and the tract incloses all the forty-six hot springs. Eleven bathhouses, some of them as complete and luxurious in equipment as any in the world, are in the reservation, and a dozen more in the city, all under Government regulation. There are also cold springs possessing curative properties.

There are many hotels, the largest having accommodations for a thousand guests, and several hundred boarding houses, many at very modest prices. Cottages and apartments may be rented for light housekeeping.

Hot Springs Mountain, from whose sides flow the cleansing waters, is about fifty miles west by south from Little Rock.



BEAUTIFUL FORESTS OF PINE CLOTHE THE OZARK MOUNTAINS





THE GOLF CLUB AT HOT SPRINGS

## ITS PICTURESQUE HISTORY

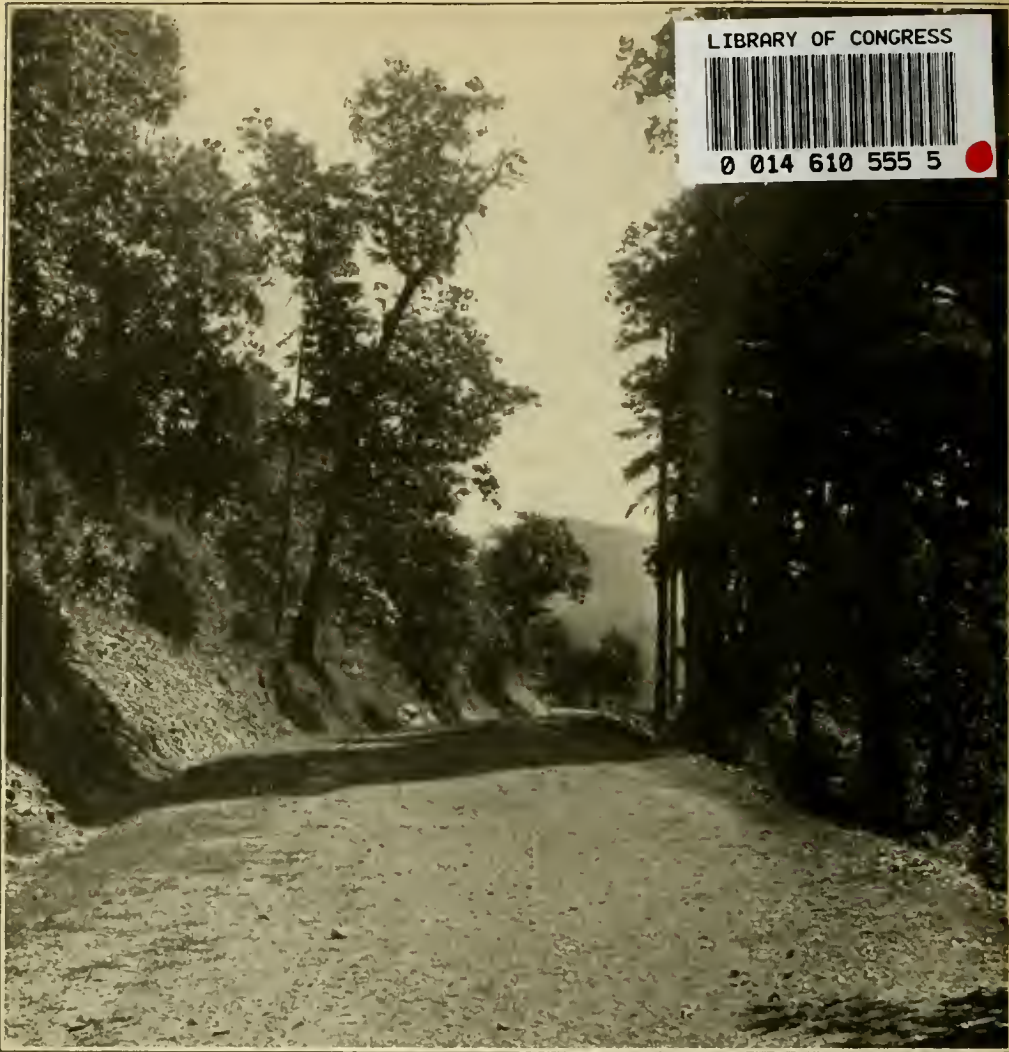
**T**HE recorded history of Hot Springs goes back to 1804, when four log houses accommodated the people who traveled many weary miles of trail to bathe in the waters. The lands adjacent to the springs were claimed by conflicting interests which, as the waters grew in fame, waged legal battles for many years for possession. Then followed a generation of lax law when Hot Springs became the winter gathering place of gamblers. This was the most picturesque period in its history.

In recent years, with the awakening of the public conscience, the uplifting of the public taste, and the enactment of laws prohibiting gambling, Hot Springs has made rapid strides toward its manifest and enviable destiny.



THERE ARE MANY HOTELS; THIS ONE, THE ARLINGTON, IS ONE OF THE LARGEST

# HOT SPRINGS BELONG TO YOU



Hot Springs is a Government reservation under the control of the Department of the Interior.

It is easily reached by the Iron Mountain and Rock Island lines, with connections from all principal cities north, east, south and west.

For schedules and excursion fares write to the passenger department of the following railroads:

St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway, Railway Exchange Building, St. Louis, Missouri;

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, La Salle Street Station, Chicago, Illinois.

Information may also be obtained from tourist agencies everywhere.