

# West Virginia

Fifty Years of Amazing Progress.



Semi-Centennial Celebration  
Wheeling, June 20, 1913.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The Governor, the President of the Commission and the Secretary of State.

The Semi-Centennial Celebration to be held in West Virginia June 20, 1913, promises to be a notable event in the history of the State.

While the official celebration will be at the City of Wheeling, it is the purpose of the Commission to have the day observed throughout the State.

Each city, town, village and community in the State is urged to arrange for appropriate exercises, parades, speeches, &c. Schools, Colleges, Fraternal Orders, Sunday Schools, Civic Organizations, Boards of Trade and other local Societies will take part.

The Commission will give a prize of \$500 for the best poem or song relating to West Virginia (Competitors not restricted to State).

Every loyal West Virginian should take an interest in this event. In fifty years the State has pushed forward until it is today a veritable empire teeming with wealth, energy and magnificent institutions.

Let everybody boost for the Golden Jubilee of West Virginia in 1913.

## The State Institutions.

At the close of the War in 1865 West Virginia had no State institutions of any kind. Today splendid public buildings in every part of the State—the pride of the people—stand as monuments of progress and enterprise. In the following list are given the present approximate value of grounds and buildings and date of establishment of each institution.

1. The West Virginia State House, at Charleston, completed in 1885. (Grounds and Buildings) \$1,225,000.00.
2. The Capitol Annex Building, at Charleston, completed in 1902.
3. Governor's Residence and Grounds, at Charleston (1893) \$100,000.00.
4. The West Virginia University, at Morgantown, (1867) \$1,000,000.00.
5. Preparatory Branch of the University, at Montgomery, (1897) \$75,000.00.
6. Preparatory Branch of the University, at Keyser (1901) \$100,000.00.
7. Marshall College, State Normal, at Huntington, (1867) \$500,000.00.
8. State Normal School, at Fairmont, (1898) \$150,000.00.
9. State Normal School, at West Liberty, Ohio County (1870) \$50,000.00.
10. State Normal School, at Athens, Mercer County (1872) \$100,000.00.
11. State Normal School, at Shepherdstown, Jefferson County, (1872) \$100,000.00.
12. State Normal School, at Glenville, Gilmer County, (1873) \$125,000.00.
13. West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind, at Romney, Hampshire County, (1889) \$200,000.00.
14. West Virginia Colored Institute, at Institute, Kanawha County, (1892) \$250,000.00.
15. Bluefield Colored Institute, at Bluefield, (1895) \$100,000.00.
16. West Virginia Penitentiary, at Moundsville, (1866) \$900,000.00.
17. West Virginia Reform School for Boys, at Pruntytown, Taylor County, (1890) \$250,000.00.
18. Girl's Industrial Home, at Salem, Harrison County (1897) \$125,000.00.
19. West Virginia Asylum, at Huntington, (1897), \$500,000.00.
20. West Virginia Hospital for the Insane, at Weston, (1865) \$1,000,000.00.
21. Second Hospital for the Insane, at Spencer, (1891) \$500,000.00.
22. West Virginia Miners' Hospital No. 1, at Welch, (1899) \$150,000.00.
23. West Virginia Miners' Hospital No. 2, at McKendree, Fayette County, (1899) \$75,000.00.
24. West Virginia Miners' Hospital No. 3, at Fairmont, (1899) \$75,000.00.
25. Agricultural Experiment Station, at Morgantown, (1888) \$50,000.00.
26. West Virginia Children's Home, at Elkins, (1909) \$50,000.00.
27. Colored Orphans Home, in Cabell County, (1911) \$15,000.00.
28. West Va. Tuberculosis Sanitarium, in Preston County, (1912) \$40,000.00.
29. State Militia Rifle Range, in Preston County, \$10,000.00.

### PRIVATE AND DENOMINATIONAL COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES.

1. Allegheny Collegiate Institute (Methodist Episcopal South), Alderson.
2. Beckley Institute (Christian), Beckley.
3. Bethany College (Christian), Bethany.
4. Broadus Institute (Baptist), Philippi.
5. Davis and Elkins College (Presbyterian), Elkins.
6. Greenbrier Presbyterian Military School (Presbyterian), Lewisburg.
7. Morris Harvey College (Methodist Episcopal South), Barboursville.
8. Mount De Chantel (Catholic), Wheeling.
9. Powhatan College (non-denominational), Charles Town.
10. Salem College (non-denominational), Salem.
11. West Virginia Wesleyan College (Methodist Episcopal), Buckhannon.
12. Storor College (colored, inter-denominational), Harpers Ferry.
13. Alderson Academy (Baptist), Alderson.

## Counties---Population.

County.	1910.	1900.	County.	1910.	1900.
THE STATE	1,221,119	958,800	Mercer	38,371	23,023
Barbour	15,858	14,198	Mineral	16,674	12,883
Berkeley	21,999	19,469	Mingo	19,431	11,859
Boone	10,331	8,194	Monongalia	24,334	19,049
Braxton	23,023	18,904	Monroe	13,055	13,130
Brooke	11,098	7,219	Morgan	7,848	7,294
Cabell	46,685	29,252	Nicholas	17,699	11,403
Calhoun	11,258	10,266	Ohio	57,572	48,024
Clay	10,233	8,248	Pendleton	9,349	9,107
Doddridge	15,672	13,859	Putnam	8,074	9,345
Payette	51,903	31,987	Pocahontas	14,740	8,572
Gilmer	11,379	11,762	Preston	26,341	22,727
Grant	7,838	7,575	Putnam	18,587	17,330
Greenbrier	24,833	20,683	Raleigh	25,633	12,436
Hampshire	11,694	11,806	Randolph	26,028	17,670
Hancock	10,465	6,693	Ritchie	17,875	18,901
Hardy	9,163	8,449	Roane	21,543	19,852
Harrison	48,381	27,690	Summers	18,420	16,265
Jackson	20,956	22,987	Taylor	16,554	14,978
Jefferson	15,889	15,935	Tucker	18,675	13,433
Kanawha	81,457	54,696	Tyler	16,211	18,252
Lewis	18,281	16,980	Upshur	16,629	14,696
Lincoln	20,491	15,434	Wayne	24,031	23,619
Logan	14,476	6,955	Webster	9,680	8,862
McDowell	47,856	18,747	Wetzel	23,855	23,880
Marion	42,794	32,430	Wirt	9,047	10,284
Marshall	32,388	26,444	Wood	38,001	34,452
Mason	23,019	24,142	Wyoming	10,992	8,880

### LEADING CITIES

	Altitude	Pop. 1910.
Wheeling	678 ft.	41,641
Huntington	565 ft.	31,161
Charleston	601 ft.	22,996
Parkersburg	616 ft.	17,842
Bluefield	2,563 ft.	11,188
Martinsburg	433 ft.	10,698
Fairmont	884 ft.	9,711
Clarksburg	1,008 ft.	9,201
Morgantown	823 ft.	9,150
Moundsville	691 ft.	8,918
Grafton	1,000 ft.	7,563
Elkins	1,930 ft.	5,260
Benwood	648 ft.	4,976
Wellburg	1,000 ft.	4,189
Keyser	827 ft.	3,705
Hinton	1,385 ft.	3,559
Williamson	660 ft.	3,531
Chester	1,397 ft.	3,184
Richwood	2,874 ft.	3,061
Princeton	2,469 ft.	3,027

The population of West Virginia has grown from 376,658 in 1860 to 1,221,119 in 1910.

The State's total assessed wealth increased from \$140,338,273.00 in 1870 to \$1,114,000,000.00 in 1911.

### SUMMARY OF THE LEADING INDUSTRIES OF WEST VIRGINIA.

(Report of Commissioner of Labor of West Va. 1910-1911.)

INDUSTRY.	Number of establishments.	Capital invested in grounds, buildings and machinery.	Total value of product.	Average number employed.	Amount paid in wages.
Brewing & Distilling	10	\$2,265,601	\$1,471,774	428	\$ 273,199
Brick & Tile	20	1,200,287	756,281	313	296,061
Car Building & Repairing	5	1,405,800	1,092,628	2,926	2,166,589
Carbon Black & Electrodes	10	1,033,344	1,484,423	938	530,146
Cigars & Tobacco	26	428,600	4,226,599	2,778	1,945,826
Coke	36	5,130,356	3,601,392	3,731	1,483,486
Furniture	15	762,421	1,039,845	939	851,432
Glass	32	4,133,009	8,788,851	8,349	4,107,309
Harness & Leather Goods	19	1,172,115	941,813	2,541	906,521
Iron, Steel & Tin Plate	11	10,905,317	20,923,648	7,533	3,487,878
Lumber	104	6,028,180	18,209,358	7,733	4,080,494
Machinery & Castings	27	1,362,940	1,517,370	1,946	848,397
Puttery	10	2,325,413	2,378,482	2,974	2,106,678
Stamped Metal Goods	11	1,856,032	5,345,529	2,132	1,530,001
Steel Tools	11	1,829,353	1,465,304	1,805	972,499
Steeled Tubular Goods	3	2,115,000	4,294,162	2,558	2,003,154
Textiles	13	1,814,766	3,893,444	2,493	1,504,300

In 600 selected manufacturing establishments, representing 61 industries, but not including mining and lumber operations, the amount of capital invested in grounds, buildings and machinery is \$50,727,891, with a total value of product of \$116,136,827; 51,850 people employed; and with an annual pay roll of \$26,274,142.

## Railways in West Virginia.

NAME.	MILES OF MAIN TRACK IN STATE.
1. Alexander & Eastern Railway Co.	14.50
2. Buffalo Creek & Gauley Railroad Co.	19.00
3. Benwood & Wheeling Connecting Railway Co.	
4. Belington & Northern Railroad Co.	4.06
5. Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co. System	1,071.61
6. Big Sandy & Cumberland Railroad.	.30
7. Beaver Creek Railroad Co.	6.25
8. Cranberry Railroad Co.	12.00
9. Cairo & Kanawha Railway Co.	15.91
10. Campbell's Creek Railroad Co.	13.33
11. Cumberland Valley & Martinsburg Railroad Co.	24.48
12. Cumberland & Pennsylvania Railroad Co.	.21
13. Coal & Coke Railway Co.	196.75
14. Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co. System	641.52
15. Dry Fork Railroad Co.	29.86
16. Erbacon & Summersville Railroad Co.	6.00
17. Elk & Little Kanawha Railroad Co.	21.00
18. Gladly & Alpena Railroad Co.	18.00
19. Guyan, Big Ugly & Coal River Railway Co.	10.00
20. Glenay & Richwood Railroad Co.	9.00
21. Hampshire & Southern Railroad Co.	38.60
22. Iron Mountain & Greenbrier Railroad Co.	26.59
23. Island Creek Railroad Co.	6.77
24. Kanawha & West Virginia Railroad Co.	37.38
25. Kanawha & Eastern Railroad Co.	.75
26. Kanawha Central Railroad Co.	4.70
27. Kelleys Creek & Northwestern Railroad Co.	6.35
28. Kanawha, Glen Jean & Eastern Railroad Co.	14.20
29. Kanawha & Coal River Railroad Co.	12.00
30. Kelleys Creek Improvement Co.	6.16
31. Kanawha & Michigan Railway Co.	99.44
32. Logan Railroad Co.	14.00
33. Longlake Iron Co. (Mann's Creek R. R.)	9.00
34. Little Kanawha Railroad Co.	26.44
35. Lewisburg & Ronceverte Electric Railway Co.	5.75
36. Loop & Lookout Railroad Co.	5.00
37. Meadvale & Somerville Railroad Co.	11.00
38. Morgantown & Kingwood Railroad Co.	48.74
39. Marlinton & Camden Railroad Co.	10.50
40. Norfolk & Western Railway Co. System	437.77
41. Pickens & Hackers Valley Railroad Co.	16.50
42. Pickens & Addison Railway Co.	19.00
43. Panther Railroad Co.	7.00
44. Pittsburg, Wheeling & Kentucky Railroad Co.	28.02
45. Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Rwy. Co.	29.30
46. Preston Railroad Co.	14.00
47. Pocahontas Railroad Co.	7.00
48. Piney River & Paint Creek Railroad Co.	6.36
49. Randolph & Pocahontas Railroad Co.	19.00
50. Raleigh & Pocahontas Railroad Co.	1.25
51. Sewell Valley Railroad Co.	21.00
52. Stroud's Creek & Muddydy Railroad Co.	6.00
53. Valley River Railroad Co.	11.00
54. Virginian Railway Co.	189.60
55. Wabash-Pittsburg Terminal Railway Co.	4.85
56. West Virginia Midland Railroad Co.	42.06
57. West Virginia & Southern Railway Co.	3.10
58. West Virginia Northern Railroad Co.	10.97
59. Winfrede Railroad Co.	7.43
60. Wheeling Terminal Railway Co.	7.28
61. Western Maryland Railway Co.	197.95
62. Walkersville & Ireland Railroad Co.	6.25
63. White Oak Railway Co.	10.44
Total	3,556.98

### ELECTRIC RAILWAYS IN STATE.

NAME	MILEAGE.
1. Appalachian Power Co.	4.50
2. Charleston Interurban Railroad Co.	12.25
3. City Railway Co.	10.50
4. City & Elm Grove Railroad Co.	21.79
5. Clarksburg & Weston Electric Railway Co.	6.30
6. Elkins Electric Railway Co.	8.00
7. East Liverpool Traction & Light Co.	2.13
8. Fairmont & Clarksburg Traction Co.	50.70
9. Fairmont & Northern Traction Co.	11.43
10. Fairmont & Mannington Railroad Co.	15.26
11. Grafton Traction Co.	4.53
12. Morgantown & Dunkard Valley Railroad Co.	7.99
13. Morgantown & Pittsburg Railway Co.	1.50
14. Newell Street Railway Co.	1.20
15. Ohio Valley Electric Railway Co.	16.45
16. Princeton Power Co.	1.00
17. Parkersburg, Marietta & Interurban Railway Co.	22.67
18. Pan Handle Traction Co.	17.17
19. South Morgantown Traction Co.	1.80
20. Steubenville, Wellsburg & Weirton Railway Co.	10.99
21. Union Utilities Co. (Morgantown)	6.87
22. Union Traction Co. (Sistersville)	11.17
23. Wellsburg, Bethany & Washington Railway Co.	7.30
24. Wheeling Traction Co.	25.00
Total	278.20

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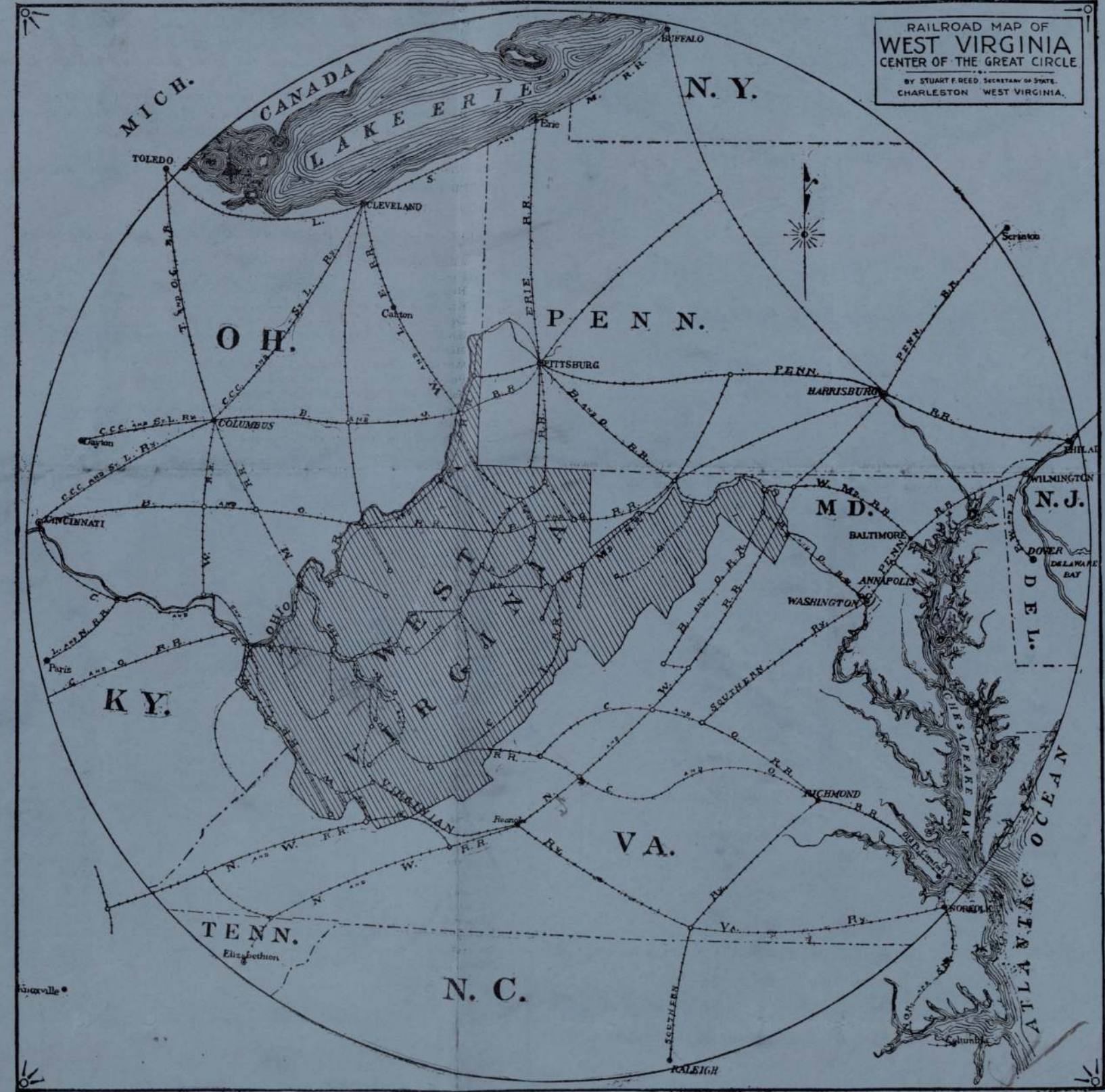
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### FACTS ABOUT WEST VIRGINIA

John Lederer first white man in State, 1707.  
Morgan built first cabin (Berkeley Co.) 1727.  
Wheeling Conv. on formation new State May 13, '61.  
Lincoln signed bill for admis. of W. Va., Dec. 31, '62.  
First Constitution ratified March 26, 1863.  
A. I. Boreman inaugurated first Governor, June 20, '63.  
Second Constitution framed at Charleston, 1872.  
Area of State 24,715 square miles or 15,817,000 acres.  
Fifty-five counties and 100,000 farms.  
Average size of farms (West Virginia) 114 acres.  
Randolph largest county; Brooke smallest.  
Eleven million acres of fine coal land.  
No. Steam R.R. systems, 62; assessed at \$181,057,100.  
No. Street R.R. systems, 22; assessed at \$11,157,000.  
Number main line miles R.R. in West Virginia 3,420.  
Number miles main and side track, 5,354.  
State's total assessed wealth, 1904, \$278,529,659.  
Assessed wealth increased in 1912 to \$1,114,000,000.  
W. Va. has 103 National and 192 State Banks.  
Total deposits in all banks, 1895, \$16,447,000.  
Bank deposits increased in 1912 to \$106,000,000.  
State tax rate 10 yrs. ago was 35 cts. on \$100 valuation.  
State tax in 1912 reduced to 2 1/2 cts. on \$100 valuation.  
Average tax rate, all purposes (1912), is 8 cts. on \$100.  
Number coal mines in operation (1910), 826.  
Number men employed in coal mines, 70,000.  
Annual prod. coal \$52,229,524; lumber, \$15,000,000.  
Annual production oil, \$16,000,000; gas, \$15,000,000.  
Banks first in prod. hardwoods, gas and oil.  
Val. stock and all farm products (1910), \$71,000,000.  
Annual prod. corn, 17,200,000 bu.; wheat, 2,600,000 bu.  
Number horses in State, 152,000; cattle, 1,000,000.  
Sheep, 900,000; Hogs, 320,000; Mules, 11,700.  
Number of manufactories, 2,600; No. employes, 45,000.  
Value buildings and school equipment, \$13,622,080.  
Annual expenditure for school purposes, \$5,100,000.  
State has 6,700 schools and 9,065 teachers.  
Pupils enrolled in West Virginia schools, 277,200.  
Newspapers published in West Virginia, 229.  
Turpicks and county roads in State, 32,108 miles.  
State has about 1275 lawyers and 1,380 doctors.  
Vote on Pres. (1908) Taft 137,889; Bryan 111,418.  
W. Va. furnished about 36,000 soldiers for the Union.  
No. West Virginians pensioned by U. S. Gov., 10,639.  
Annual amt. recd. pensions in West Va., \$1,918,010.  
State has lowest average tax rate of 46 States.  
Unexcelled for navigable rivers and vast water power.  
Legislature consists of 116 members.  
Senate consists of 30 members.  
House of delegates consists of 86 members.



STATE CAPITOL, CHARLESTON, W. VA.



## West Virginia's Splendid Location.

In the above map the circle around West Virginia has a radius of only 255 miles.