## **Hotel Carnegie**

## The Finest Hotel in East Tennessee Completed

To be opened by the 20<sup>th</sup> - Mr. Farr of Pennsylvania as Landlord

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HOTEL CARNEGIE IS FINISHED

This great palatial hotel has no equal in East Tennessee and for convenience has no superior in the South. It was built and furnished at a cost of about \$125,000. The best of material was used throughout the structure, the interior finish being antique oak.

It is lighted by immense plate glass windows and there is not a room that does not receive a copious supply.

In all there are about **one hundred and twenty-five rooms** in the three stories which constitute the hotel proper. Below these, and fronting on First Avenue, are six large rooms built for storage of materials. These are in the basement, which has been constructed of heavy stone. Back of these rooms are others to be used in connection with the hotel, as general delivery of supplies, engine room, laundry, etc.

There is not to be found a single accommodation known to hotels with which the magnificent structure is not provided.

It has an electric passenger elevator in addition to its numerous and easy stairways. It has spacious hallways, and is provided with ventilation sufficient to insure the highest degree of health and comfort.

Its dining rooms are large and finely finished. Its parlors and reception rooms are peerless in the finish and furnishings. Its billiard, library, bath and other rooms have the polish of perfection. The office room, which is in the center, receives light by day from a great opening over its head. The roof is overlaid with pitch and gravel and furnishes a splendid observatory. From here one can see quite a distance up and down the valley and across the mountains miles away.

The verandas are features worthy of note. On the side fronting the railroad there are two verandas extending out from the first and second floors of the hotel proper. Each of these is a hundred feet in length and is provided with wrought iron balustrades. Fronting Second Avenue is a larger veranda by way of which the hotel is entered. Along the sides of the structure are some two or three smaller verandas extending each from the terminus of a hallway.

The hotel is provided with first class water and electric systems. It has also a system for lighting by gas. It will be heated by radiation from a furnace beneath. The building has

been laid throughout with very fine carpet, every room has been elegantly furnished and there is not a feature that is lacking in completeness.



Figure 1 Carnegie Hotel 1891-1910

Hotel Carnegie will be open for guests about the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. The property has been leased to R. N. Farr, a man with liberal experience in the art of conducting hotels. Mr. Farr is a native of Pennsylvania, but comes here from Lincolnton, North Carolina, where he has recently been conducting a hotel. He will be here the latter part of this week to make preparations for the opening.

There is nothing out except a part of the parlor furniture, which will be here this week.

Thus on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> there will be opened in Johnson City the finest hotel in East Tennessee, suited alike to commercial travelers, tourists, and pleasure seekers.



## Hotel Carnegie

Largest, finest finished and best equipped Hotel in East Tennessee.

Large Sample Rooms.
Electric cars to all depots and every part of the city.

Has Every Modern Convenience.

Rates, \$2.50 per day and upwards Address

R. W. FARR, Manager

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