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Thronatieska Club.

OF

Associated Hunters.

This Corporation is chartered for the purpose of organizing and perpetuating a great Hunting and Fishing Ranch in Central Georgia. Its name "THRONATIESKA" is the Indian name for Flint River, near the borders of which in the counties of Taylor, Macon and Crawford the Ranch is located. The corporation will be absolute owner of the exclusive hunting and fishing rights on an area of country covering from twenty to forty square miles. In the beech groves and heavily timbered bottoms, are wild turkeys, ducks, squirrels, raccoons and other game, while in the dense cane-brakes are wild cats or catamounts, which bear strong resemblance to the panther family and when chased by hounds and brought to bay are among the gamest and most furious fighters of our wild animals. In the forest and open high lands, covered by these rights or purchased concessions are quails and other birds, gray or red foxes, etc., etc.

But perhaps the most interesting and important feature of this Association of Hunters is the great Deer Park to be established for breeding and raising deer on a large scale. This Deer Park to be enclosed by high fences, will embrace an area peculiarly fitted for this purpose, in which will be open spaces covered with grasses and alternating with heavy timber and dense cane-brakes or jungles in which the deer or elk will find hiding places for themselves and shelter for their young. This densely growing cane is perfectly green during the entire year and upon it the deer will feed and keep fat even in the winter months or hunting season.

Under the stringent game laws of Georgia and the special powers granted by charter, the corporation will protect the game from molestation by those who do not belong to the Association.

In addition to the game now upon this reservation, quail in very large numbers will be purchased in other sections and localities and turned loose at the proper season, so as to multiply and heavily stock the Ranch. It is proposed also to introduce and breed other game birds; and to plant wild rye, etc., in the river bottoms and along the creeks and lakes and thus encourage, in still larger numbers, the presence of wild geese, ducks, cranes, etc.

Additional lakes will be formed on the clear water streams and stocked with the gamest of fish.

This brief summary will give some conception of the wide range and attractive character of this movement; but there are special features, sanctioned by the charter and by-laws, among which are the following:

FIRST. The corporation shall never contract a debt for a greater sum than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

SECOND. Each shareholder shall have the right of free shooting, hunting and fishing and to all the privileges of the chase for a number of days in each year in proportion to the amount of stock held. The holder, for example, of a five hundred (\$500.00) dollar share will be entitled each year to free hunting and fishing and all the privileges of the chase for sixty (60) days ; and the holder of \$250.00 to 30 days ; and of \$100.00 to ten days. These rights thus acquired are perpetual and may be transmitted by the holders to their heirs. When the shares are paid for, there will be no future assessments.

THIRD. These shares are transferable from season to season at the option of the holder, so that a shareholder, for example, who has a sixty days' right may bring his friend and both enjoy the right for 30 days. Or he may make any other division of his time. The aggregate number of days to which any share is entitled may be used solely by the owner or divided for the season among many.

FOURTH. The shares are to be paid for as follows : 25 per cent. when there shall have been secured for the corporation and duly recorded these permanent hunting rights, extending over an area of not less than twenty square miles ; 25 per cent. additional when like rights are secured and recorded, extending over an area of not less than forty square miles ; 25 per cent. additional when there shall have been purchased for the Association, and the deed or deeds duly recorded, the right to park deer permanently on not less than four thousand acres of these lands and when the portion of this deer park to be devoted to breeding purposes shall be enclosed with strong, protecting fences ; and 25 per cent. when this breeding park shall be stocked with at least fifty deer, or deer and elk combined, and when the lakes are completed and ready for the game fish

FIFTH. The Board of Directors or Managers will be chosen at the annual meeting of the stockholders.

SIXTH. A Hotel or Club House will be built at Reynolds (the railroad station) for the accomodation of the hunters and their families. This Hotel or Club House will be known as "The Hunter's Lodge" ; and substantial board will be furnished at not exceeding \$2.00 per day.

There will also be kept on hand for rent, at small cost, tents with arrangements for heating, so as to accomodate those who may wish occasionally to spend a few days in camp.

SEVENTH. Horses for the hunters and conveyances for the ladies who accompany them, will be furnished at low rates.

It is expected that by the second year a sufficient number of bucks will be raised in the great breeding deer park to furnish an exciting chase every other day, and as deer breed rapidly in this genial climate it is expected that a sufficient number of bucks (deer or elks) will be grown in a few years to furnish such exciting chase for every day in the season.

EIGHTH. The bird shooting and fishing must become more and more interesting year by year as the quails and ducks and prairie chickens, etc., etc., increase and as the lakes become more and more densely stocked with game fish.

NINTH. The chasing of foxes with a pack of fox hounds is scarcely less thrilling than the chasing of deer or elks. It will be remembered that foxes run in front of the hounds for many hours and that they run in a circuit of less radius than the deer and therefore, when in full cry, the hounds are rarely out of ear shot of the hunters, who participate, although they may be stationary, within the radius of such circuit.

To the present generation of Americans these thrilling scenes of the chase, especially of the deer or elk, is almost entirely unknown and must necessarily become wholly so in the near future, unless some such great game preserve is maintained by such Association. Under the protection of wise and stringent game laws and by the powers granted under our charter, we propose to revive in the genial and delightful winter

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climate of Middle Georgia these manly and thrilling sports known to our fathers and still common in the vast game preserves of Scotland and England.

Only those who have participated in such sport can form any conception of the delightful and thrilling excitement awakened by the full cry of the hounds in eager chase; by the rushing of the horsemen; the firing of the guns, *few shots from which ever take effect*; the shouting of the hunters and the lofty bounding of the buck through field and forest.

Ladies who accompany the hunters will be able to participate largely in these exciting scenes. For example; even those who do not join in the general chase may drive in conveyances or ride on horse back into the great breeding Park, which will be located within two or three miles of the "Hunters Lodge," and there share in the exciting and amusing sport of separating from the general herds, the wild buck, which is to be turned out at a given point for the day's chase. The rushing of these herds of beautiful deer or elk, through the cane-brake jungles and across the open spaces, as the ladies and hunters unite in the effort to separate and drive, in a given direction, the antlered buck, will furnish almost as thrilling an experience as the chase itself.

Novel features for *fun making* will be introduced; as for example, the constituting of a court, composed entirely of ladies, before which court is to be arraigned and tried, any luckless hunter, who through mistake or by accident kills or wounds a doe; or who on the final chase fires at and misses more than once or twice the flying buck.

It is not possible however in a brief statement to give more than the general outlines of an enterprise, with such a scope. The intelligent share holders, who are to compose this Association, will from time to time add new features. It is perhaps enough to say now, that the shares in the "THRONATIESKA CLUB OF ASSOCIATED HUNTERS" will be more and more prized by our posterity, as the wild game, now rapidly disappearing, shall become more and more scarce throughout our country, while constantly increasing in this protected preserve.

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It is our duty to collect, jealously guard, and above all *freely exhibit* the relics of their deeds of Martyrdom which have become our history grown holy with time, so that the youth of this Nation and City may become kindled with their Spirit, which made this great country, the History of men's lives given without price.

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