

MR. TATE'S PRESENTATION SPEECH

Delivered in the face of a biting cold breeze, Mr. Tate's fine address warmed the hearts of his auditors and stirred their patriotic feeling. He said:

"Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

"We are here to unveil a monument of Georgia marble to the founder of this state and to give his name to this mountain as an everlasting memorial to the life and public services of General James Edward Oglethorpe, to whom our state owes its existence and its Anglo-Saxon civilization.

"In giving his name to this monument, we have the sanction, by formal enactment, of the general assembly of Georgia and the congress of the United States. The state is represented here by its governor, the president of the Senate, a justice of the Supreme Court and committees from the house and senate.

"But for a previous engagement to speak elsewhere, the speaker of the house and governor-elect would be with us. It is a matter of deep regret that Hon. Thomas M. Bell, who introduced in congress the act confirming the name of Mount Oglethorpe and was to have taken a leading part in these exercises, is detained at home by the illness of his wife.

Nature's Monument

"Some years ago the legislature of Georgia provided for the erection of a monument to General Oglethorpe and many miles of sea coast dotted here and there by charming homes and play grounds—all transmitted to us by the humanitarian statesman and soldier, James Edward Oglethorpe.

"And now when I look around from the summit of Mount Oglethorpe where this beautiful marble shaft is to rest, I marvel at the transcendent beauty of this mountain



Honorable Sam Tate and Governor Hardman

American greatness. Among all Georgians this man and his forbears have been peers of the best, and our future must and will depend upon leadership such as his. When he rises I invite you to look upon his splendid frame of more than six feet, his clear and unflinching eyes, but more than all, his kindly, friendly face—a son of Georgia, but more than that, a son of Georgia's mountains, rock-ribbed and majestic. I present Honorable Sam Tate."