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STRONG ENDORSEMENT RECEIVED BY ALLEY IN CONGRESSIONAL RACE

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while as a forceful and eloquent political orator, we believe that he has no superior in the entire State.

A close student of political questions and public affairs, he never fails to answer his party's call, and every campaign finds him where the battle rages most fiercely.

Always patriotic, always loyal, and ready to serve, he will, if he shall be the choice of the Democrats in the forthcoming Primary, make a campaign for his party that will recall the days when the matchless Crawford and the indomitable Craig, by their irresistible eloquence, aroused to intense and fervid enthusiasm the Democracy of the mountains.

The eyes of the world are on Western North Carolina, and we need a man in Congress who can tell the story of the glorious traditions of our past, the marvelous triumph of our present, and the wonderful possibilities of our future.

Elect Felix E. Alley, and we shall have a representative whose voice will be heard and heeded, and whose ability and experience will be used in the Hall of Congress for the lasting advantage of our District and our State.

I, William A. Band, Editor-Owner of the Waynesville Mountaineer, do hereby certify that the original of the foregoing statement, in the handwriting of Prof. Robert I. Madison of Cullowhee, under whose instruction Felix E. Alley completed his high school course, is now on file in my office, signed by many hundred of representative citizens among whom Mr. Alley has lived and labored in Jackson and Haywood Counties.

WILLIAM A. BAND, Editor Waynesville Mountaineer.

THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

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mountains extends roughly from the Canadian border to Alabama. In length is about 1,500 miles and in width from 1 to 300 miles. From the standpoint of geologic history this is the oldest land on the American continent. Compared with the Great Smoky Mountains in point of age the Rocky Mountains are in their swaddling clothes. The Smokies were old when the great forces of nature pushed upward the gigantic ridges and towering cones of the Rockies. Through countless geologic ages the great Architect of the Universe carved and modeled and chiseled the great canyons and domes and peaks of the Smokies and modeled them as we find them today. Through other countless ages the same great Architect has woven and fashioned for them a magnificent garment of verdure—an illimitable forest of spruce and hemlock, poplar and chestnut, beech and maple, with every species of shrub and plant and flower. In fact, this is the last of

the great primeval forest of the eastern Appalachians. Only its remoteness has preserved it. The summits of these mountains are clothed with Canadian fir or balsam that there are not found again in the wide stretch to the forests of Canada, for it loves a cold and bracing climate. The mountain sides are heavily clothed with chestnut and great tulip or poplar trees and hickory and every variety of maple and birch. Some of these great trees are 8 and 10 feet in diameter. In the vast cover along numberless streams you will find great forest of hemlock. Some of these great masters of the forest were there when Columbus with his ships of discovery first touched American shores. Some of them look like prehistoric monsters covered with age-old moss.

We are today trying to solve the question of Muscle Shoals which is admitted to be one of the greatest water-power developments of the world. The creation of this national park would tend directly to maintain the flow of waters of Muscle Shoals, for in this area countless streams are born that contribute to the Tennessee. It is here that they spring from thousands of caves and mountains sides and dash down in their tumultuous youth to form the rivers below. It is here that their youth is continually renewed by the snows of winter and rains of summer. These streams are clear and sparkling and beautiful.

They are the natural home of the mountain trout, and if conserved would yield immense pleasure to the people of eastern America. This whole area is a mighty sponge adapted by nature to receive and to hold the rains and snows, and instead of dashing them down in tumultuous floods to feed them gently and continually into the streams below. While furnishing pleasure and health and recreation, the conservation of this great area by the establishment of a national park would contribute directly to industry, and the water so preserved would help to generate electric power for the people and drive countless wheels of industry.

It is a land of plenty, a land of sunshine, a land of glorious possibilities. North Carolina, as a whole is a wonderful State embracing every climate from the Canadian, at the extreme summit of her great mountains, to the subtropical, where her eastern shores are washed by the waters of the blue Atlantic. Western North Carolina is destined to be the great playground of America. In winter the climate is not so severe, and in summer it offers refreshment and health to those who live in warmer latitudes. Here they are crowding by the thousands from every part of the Union. Her magnificent highways are attractive to the tourist. Her succession of mountains and valleys with their beautiful cities and towns and hamlets are a constant surprise to those who have not been familiar with her attractions.

From Marion and Rutherfordton and Tryon, ideally seated on the eastern slopes of the Blue Ridge, the county seats of McDowell, Rutherford, and Polk to Murphy upon the Beautiful Hiwassee River, in the extreme western part of the State, has come a vast wave of progress and development. Asheville, the metropolis of the western country, has for many years attracted the tourist. Hendersonville, bustling and busy near the summit of the Blue Ridge itself, can not be surpassed. Brevard, nesting in the upper valley of the French Broad, is a beautiful picture as she sits in her fertile valley, walled around with beautiful mountains. Waynesville, in the splendid county of Haywood, sits like a princess upon her hills. Canton is thriving and throbbing with industry. Sylva "an apple of gold in a picture of silver," as her name implies, is

situated among the magnificent woods and streams of Jackson County. Bryson City, which would be the nearest town to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, is wonderfully situated upon the banks of the Tuckasee, one of the most splendid of our mountain streams. The background of this splendid little mountain town is the great and silent wilderness of the Smokies themselves. It offers rest and health and recreation to the visitor, and from its busy streets he can quickly and easily pass into the vast solitude of the beckoning forest. Andrews, on Valley River, in point of sheer beauty can not be surpassed by any town in the United States. It is located near the old site of the council town of the Cherokee Indians. Roosevelt in his great book, The Winning of the West, refers to this spot and to the ancient gatherings of this tribe. Murphy, at the confluence of the Hiwassee and Valley Rivers, looks

out upon a stretch of mountains and valleys that is most entrancing. Clay County, a very gem of the mountains contains the beautiful little town of Hayesville that is being touched by the influx of travel. Graham, another gem of these mountains, lies upon the southern slopes of the Smokies themselves.

Here the beautiful Cheoah takes its rise and cuts like a saber through the mountain walls of the great Unaka Range. While Franklin, in Macon County, sits within a rampart of mountains with the "Standing Indian," the highest of the peaks of the Nantahala's piercing the hazy distance. In this county are found more different varieties of gems and minerals than in any other county of the United States. Its valleys are fertile and prosperous.

I would invite you, my colleagues, to this wonderful land of which I am extremely proud. Peopled by a stock that is yet pure and undefiled. They are the descendants of the Scotch and Irish and English, who laid the foundations of this Republic and who are zealous of the preservation of the institutions which their fathers founded. It was from among these people came the men who fought at Kings Mountain and dealt the fatal blow to English tyranny. It was from among these people came the patriots, who, on May 20, 1775, more than a year before the Declaration of Independence at Philadelphia, met and declared at Mecklenburg that these colonies "were, and of a right ought to be free and independent States." And here, within this area proposed to be established into a great national park, is also the last remnant of the Cherokee Nation east of the Mississippi. Within this area the eastern band of Cherokee Indians still retain their tribal relations. The descendants of Junaluska, who fought with General Jackson in the battle of the Big Bend. Junaluska himself sleeps beneath the monument erected by the State of North Carolina near the town of Robbinsville in Graham County. Once they were the proud masters of all this domain. Their fathers named its mountains and gave the nomenclature to its streams. As this area contains almost the last of our primeval forests, so it contains the lingering remnant of the great nation of Indians which once peopled its forest and valleys.

For this is the land of beautiful rivers and streams. Henry Van Dyke said that he loved the little rivers; that the big rivers were sultry and hostile and seemed ready to sweep you beneath their floods; but that the little rivers chafed against their banks and, racing over their rocky beds, sang and chattered with melodious enchantment. And most of these streams in my district yet bear the mellow names of the Cherokee Tribe. From the Catawba, the Swainson, and the Takeoostee on the east, passing westward, you cross the Puckareegee, the Tennessee, the Cullasaja, and the Nantahala. The latter rises under the sides of the "Standing Indian" and is a very queen of our mountain streams. You finally reach the Hiwassee and the Tusquitee, in

The BULL'S EYE

Editor and General Manager WILL ROGERS



Another "Bull" Durham cover given by Will Rogers. See full notice and see cover and hearing American farmers. More coming. Watch for them.

No Governorship For Mine

My good old friend the Governor of Oklahoma was in to see me at the theatre the other night. I had just had humorous mention as a candidate for that position, as they wanted to revive the Populist Party with me as the Standard Bearer.

Well, the Governor showed me what had happened to a friend of his who had been defeated for Governor in our state, so he discouraged me. I won't accuse him of doing it purposely, but he did. His friend's campaign expenditures were as follows:

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Will Rogers
P.S. There will be another piece in this paper soon. Look for it.



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Clay and Cherokee Counties, and the Cataochee. The Oconia Lufta gathers itself from the springs of the Smokies, on its banks still live the purebred Cherokee Indian. There are others too numerous to mention at this time. I include with them the Catalochee, that wild and restless child of the mountains that takes its rise under Mount Guyot and flows through unbroken forests for many miles until it finally becomes a part of the waters of the great Tennessee itself. These names carry us back to the days before the white man found this wonderful region and when the smoke of the wigwam of the Cherokee arose from these mountain sides and valleys.

And overlooking this vast stretch of mountain and field and forest, now peopled by beautiful cities and towns and hamlets, with plenty upon every side, stand like lonely sentinels the giant peaks and ridges of the Great Smokies, guarding its superior beauty.

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