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Col. Fred Olds in Charlotte Observer

Not many counties in North Carolina can say they need only three things, but Watauga can make that declaration with truth; Alleghany too—a railway, good public roads and more hydro-electric plants operating industries, in other words furnishing power and light. Ashe has the railway and only needs the two other things. The climate in summer is so wonderful that the writer feels like a selfish brute to be enjoying it so when a million North Carolinians need it. Boone, like Jefferson, has its own particular mountain and is literally under the latter's wing, like chickens under a motherly hen. Boone has Rich Mountain, while Jefferson has "Nigger." The colors, the shadows, which come and go, change and blend of these mountains and the others are delights every hour of the day. Nothing is dead or dull, for there is every shade Dame Nature has in her paint-box.

In the old days almost everything was made at home in this mountain region, including cheese. The United States is establishing cheese factories in this high and cool region, where the streams are so cold and clear, and one of these factories is at Sugar Grove, seven miles from Boone. It is getting about 200 pounds of milk daily and turning out nearly as much cheese, the smallest weight being one pound. Experts find it equal to the best Cheddar cheese from England. In a number of mountain homes cheese is yet privately made. The cheese at this factory readily sells at 25 cents a pound; that privately made can be bought at three pounds for a quarter. The cattle here are practically all Herefords or Shorthorns, good for milk or for beef, and a beautiful appearance they present as they browse on the wonderfully rich green grasses, for despite the cool weather vegetation is as lush as in a conservatory.

Where there is now one cow or steer there is fed for a hundred. Here hay is cut only once a year; mainly in August; there being a mixture of timothy and other species, together with some clover. It is declared that a number of things grown so well below the mountains will not flourish here, cowpeas for example, but on the other hand a number of crops are at their best in this section.

How many people know that there are three mountains in North Carolina which were named by the great Zebulon B. Vance? The trio are near Swannanoa Gap, on the south side of it. In fact it was Mr. Henry E. Fries of Winston-Salem who told the writer the story. He was visiting Senator Vance while the latter was building his home "Gombroom" on the other side of this gap, when the Senator said: "I have named the three mountains in front of us for the three Vs of the Senate, Vest, Voorhees and Vance."

What is going to be done with the almost unused turnpike between Wilkesboro and Jefferson, built by State convicts? This is one of the questions the mountain people are asking, it is found. Another question they are asking is whether the East Tennessee & Western North Carolina Railway, a narrow gauge, is going to build into Watauga. President George Hardin of that road has said, it is asserted, that within four months he will build a branch from Montezuma about fourteen

A Little Wonder

All heroism is not in the soldiers fighting in the trenches, nor all faith in the commanders who day by day gain a few yards of blood-soaked battle front in North France.

Aboard the last ship that sailed from this port for England recently was a little woman with a baby and two small boys. She had come to New York from Canada. Her husband was one of the "Pats." On July 17 he will begin a four-day leave of absence. When he wrote for her to meet him she had only time to draw their savings, lock the door of their home and reach the boat.

The long was "nothing"; her husband wanted to see the baby; it was only three days old when at night the transport bore him silently down the St. Lawrence without giving him even a chance to say good bye. He had fought in the Boer War, then emigrated to Canada; he had just proved a homestead when he heard his country wanted trained soldiers.

She hoped the children "would be well when their daddy met them." But what of the man in the trenches exposed to death day and night? Nothing would happen to him, nothing could. Why, he was one of five men of his company who remained alive; he had passed unscathed through the carnage of Ypres; one day, carrying ammunition, four of his helpers were killed beside him, and he had been buried and left for dead under piles of earth when the Germans blew up the trench.

He will meet her, for it was ordained he should. He sent her an order to buy "summer things" for herself, but the day it arrived was fete day in Quebec and the bank was closed. The next day and the next she could not get away from home; then she knew God intended she should use that money for some other purpose. Besides, when her husband drew lots for the order of leave with his four comrades, if he had not drawn the last four days he would not have had time to send for her. As sure as she is alive now will he meet her. Then four days with the baby, and he will return to the trenches and she to her home.

Who would not pray that that soldier may be spared from poisonous gases and shells, and that the ship bearing the faithful wife may escape mines and submarines?—N. Y. Sun.

Your children, you too, need more than the ordinary necessities of a home. It's a home that's needed. No home is a home that's not well furnished, and "Chigawgo" nor any other place can't sell you cheaper or treat you nicer than Burgie, at the Park. Teach your children good music, good literature, good manners and to go to Burgie's at Elk Park, for good furniture.

In the United States there are found 111 species of snakes, of which only 17 are dangerous to man.

miles long, along Linville river, through Linville Gap to the Watauga river, at Shull's Mills. It is added that he intends to extend the road about twelve miles further from the mills up Laurel Fork and Boone Creek into the heart of Boone village. These things are stirring the Norfolk & Western Railway into building here from Todd, in Ashe county, a distance of 15 miles. There are whispers that the Southern Railway may take a hand in some building over the Blue Ridge from the southward, directly or indirectly. Anyway developments seem to be just ahead.

Only Train to Sitona

The first railroad locomotive to enter the State of Arizona was for use on a line in the Clifton mining district. The road, necessitated by the predilection of the Apaches for attacking the wagon trains carrying ore to Clifton, killing the drivers and eating the mules, was four miles long and was completed in two years largely by convict labor. The locomotive purchased for use on the road was the smallest made at the time but it was the wonder and admiration of the district; and besides it was something the Apaches could not eat. Down-grade it could handle all the ore cars that the brakes would hold but it could haul back not more than two empties. When the furnaces froze up, which occurred once a week, the locomotive could handle the traffic; but when the furnaces were at their heat a resort was made to a combined mule and locomotive train, a dozen mules in front hitched to half a dozen cars with the engine behind as a pusher. Hank Arbuckle, the engineer, was the only man within 500 miles who understood anything about a locomotive, and next to the metallurgist he was the most important feature of the Arizona Copper Company's mining establishment. When the locomotive jumped the track Hank, with the assistance of three Mexicans, heaved it back again.—Wall Street Journal.

Big Blackberry Patch

Blackberry growers are beginning to harvest the crop, the first shipment to Louisville having been made a few days ago. The largest patch in the South is in this county, being 40 acres. The owners began several years ago with four acres and have gradually increased it to 50. One hundred pickers are required daily during the busy season. The berries grown in this section are regarded as superior to those grown in the West, which are big and soft, while these here are firm and well colored. The variety is the Eldorado. Representatives of the experiment station at Lexington visited the patch when in bloom. Experts from the Washington Agricultural Department have also made several trips to see the work of the farm. A few years ago the preserving companies realized that wild berries were becoming so scarce they urged the farmers to cultivate blackberries as they would other crops.—Jefferson Recorder.

Zoo Lions Eat Elephant

Carnivorous animals in the New York Zoological Park have had a feast since Gunda, the pride of the Bronx elephant collection turned "bad" and was put to death on June 22. Nearly a ton and three-quarters of elephant meat has been fed to them since that time. The last of it, which had been preserved in refrigerators, was used recently.

Gunda's hide and bones have been turned over to the taxidermists and osteologist of the American Museum of Natural History. Dr. William T. Hornaday, director of the Zoological Park, said: "The Zoological Society saved 10 1-2 cents a pound, which is what we have to pay for beef. There is nothing unusual in the use of the flesh of an animal of the collection to feed the others."

He said that the flesh eaters in the park seemed to like the taste of elephant meat as well as that of the beef.—N. Y. Herald.

In the early days the bandmaster beat time with his foot. Not until 1890 was the baton first introduced.

Big Prize For Montana Wheat

A bulletin issued by Secretary P. B. Snelson, of the state fair, says it is estimated that the wheat acreage in Montana for the present year is 25 per cent greater than that of 1914, which brings it into the neighborhood of 1,200,000 acres. The probable production from this area, will be, it is estimated close to 25,000,000 bushels. In 1900 the wheat production of Montana was less than 2,000,000 bushels. This marvelous increase is only one of the many facts which go to prove that Montana is the greatest wheat state in the union, and the greatest wheat country in the world.

Not content, however, so long as there are any untilled acres in Montana, those interested in the development of the resources of the commonwealth continue to encourage the farmers to plow more ground and sow more wheat thus enriching not only the state itself, but its every resident.

With that end in view, and with the further wish of securing a choice collection of wheat samples, both threshed and in the sheaf, to be used for the exploitation of Montana's agricultural resources in distant points, the Montana State Fair is this year offering a seven passenger, six-cylinder Studebaker automobile of 1916 model, for the best five sheaves and one bushel of Montana grown wheat from the same field and exhibited by a Montana farmer at the state fair, September 20-25.

The management of the State Fair invites every farmer in the state to compete for this prize, and thus help to maintain the reputation which Montana has won as the best cereal country in the world, by its winning of the grand prize at the Panama-Pacific exposition.

Call for a Nickel More

Since the quart law went into effect in North Carolina it has been costing as much to get a bottle of whiskey as it formerly cost to get a jug, but strangely enough there has been no complaint—they are all too anxious to get the whiskey to stand back on the price. But the express companies are making representations to the Interstate Commerce Commission that they are being put to a mountain of trouble in handling the quart packages and are losing money, to boot. They want an increase in the rate to 35 cents. As Old King Alcohol does not appear to have a friend in court or anywhere else, these days, it is probable that the increase will be granted, but even in that event the line-up at the express offices will be as closely coupled and as long-drawn out as ever.—Charlotte Observer.

Aeroplane Vs. Submarine

Berlin reports the first case on record of an aeroplane bombarding and sinking a submarine. The more remarkable feature of this report is that it should be the first case. From the moment the German submarine war became active, it has been recognized that aeroplanes might be made far more effective in detecting the presence of and attacking under sea boats than destroyers operating on the surface. Aviators can see down into the water and can move about more swiftly than any other agency employed. Large numbers of aeroplanes scouting about the British Isles for submarines might damage Germany almost as much as the more or less futile night-raiding of German open towns.—N. Y. World.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR TAXES

At 1 o'clock on Monday, Aug. 2, 1915, at the court house door in Boone, N. C., I will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, pursuant to the laws of North Carolina, all the lands in Watauga county on which taxes for the years 1913 and 1914 have not been paid, a list of which lands to be sold, and the amount of taxes due thereon, with costs added, as required by Sec. 2835, Revised 1905, is as follows:

BEAVER DAM TOWNSHIP, 1914
Lethcoe, G. T., 92 acres \$4.55
Horton & Banner, 80 acres 3.65

NORFOLK TOWNSHIP, 1914
Maine, C. R., 40 acres 5.41
Worth & Co., 135 acres 10.95

LAUREL CREEK TOWNSHIP
1913-14
Flanery Mining Co., No. acres
not given 20.95

BLUE RIDGE TOWNSHIP, 1914
Ashley, S. P., 12 acres 1.18
Bernhardt, J. M., 105 acres 8.05
Benson, J. P., 20 acres 2.81
Grandin, W. J. & Hart, 900
acres 40.55
Harrison, S. L., 50 acres 1.96
Stewart, Mrs. E. R., 175
acres 4.40

ELK TOWNSHIP, 1914
Carlton, C. C., 28 acres 1.87
Greer, Sarah, 28 acres 1.25
Miller, E. B., 18 acres 1.21
Randall, W. W., 76 acres 4.55
Wheeling, Selma, 28 acres 2.28
Wilson, W. L., 122 acres 16.89
Winebarger, Miles, 4 acres 1.68

This the 3d day of July, 1915.
E. R. EGERS,
Ex-Sheriff.

FARM FOR SALE

This farm contains 135 acres, is located 3 miles southeast of the progressive little town of Butler, which puts it in good reach of this splendid market, and Watauga Academy, the best school in this end of the State. This land is practically all cleared, only about 10 acres in woods. This farm is in a good state of cultivation and has the largest portion set to grass, it is an ideal grazing farm and produces well when cultivated. About 40 acres of this land can be plowed with level land plow, and worked over with all farm machinery, has a nice 5-room cottage house practically new, with fairly good barn, and all necessary outbuildings, also one 3-room tenant building, has a first-class running spring convenient to house, an extra good garden, and a splendid young orchard, as well as many old bearing trees. Farm is well fenced with wire on locust posts. If you are looking for a real estate bargain you can not afford to overlook this proposition. Will sell on reasonable terms and can give possession this fall. Price only \$35.00 per acre. For further particulars, call on or write, W. L. REECE, Butler, Tenn. 7-8-15

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