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## Ole Man Murphy Says---

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BY OLE MAN MURPHY HIS-SELF

Many suns have appeared upon the Eastern horizon and disappeared below that of the West since we have spoken through these columns. The line of experience have deepened upon our faces, and unknown gray hairs have appeared at our temples—but we have not grown old in spirit. We have passed through an epidemic of bank failures, and have been nipped sharply by one; we are lent, terribly so, so far that we are almost sway-backed, but we are not broke. We have passed through the holiday season, Santa has been shelved for another year, and in passing left us sad. The period for New Year resolutions has come and gone, and left us without a single idea as to the need, or the wisdom of resolving. We have not heard many laughs, but laments were plentiful. We have not seen many smiles, but can close our eyes and still see the woe-begone expressions of our friends and acquaintances. Ruin, desolation, starvation was coming, we heard. "No", another disagreed. "It is now upon us." "No," disagreed still another. "It has been upon us for some time." And still we see no ruin. No signs of desolation except the woe-begone expressions referred to above. And where in our community is there starvation?

Pessimists are necessary. A thousand Tories said Washington could not whip England. A thousand Yankees said Lincoln could not save the Union. A thousand Germans said the armies of the Kaiser could not be defeated. The world said that the Telephone, the Wireless and successful flying was impossible. The world scoffed at the first locomotive engine, the first electric light, the first automobile, the first radio. Pessimists? The world is full of them. Without the thousand pessimists there could be no OPTIMIST. Without the thousand to say that "it can't be done" where would the ONE genius get the inspiration to do it? A wonderful thing is that which is in a man who will not admit defeat. That trait is a natural one. Tell a child it can't do something and that child will spend much time and energy trying to devise some way to do that thing, and will succeed in doing it nine times out of ten. Too many adults are all too ready to kill the natural initiative in a child. It is well for the growing child to learn that some things should not be done, but the word "don't" is a dangerous one, and should be used with more discretion than one out of a thousand adults has.

There is nothing under the sun that happens that could not be worse. Any calamity is never as bad as it seems at first. The silver lining is there behind the cloud. It has always been there. It will always go there. As long as God is in His Heaven all is well with the world.

Things have not been to our liking in the last few months. We have become accustomed to having things quite our own way. In North Carolina's former lost province, which is Western North Carolina, a great boom does not affect us much—but few people ever starve here. Money tight? Yes! But we have as many banks open in Cherokee county as does Buncombe county. Out of thirty-three banks west of the Blue Ridge only eleven remain open—but we have three of those in our own county.

And very few out of those thirty-three will not reopen, stronger than ever. Many have already been re-

## GOOD ROADS AND EXPERIMENT BOOM NORTH GEORGIA LANDS

### Georgia Is Redeeming Lost Regions, Representative Bonnell H. Stone Declares

From The Atlanta Constitution  
With the aid of good roads and experimental work in horticulture, a great region of the mountain country which previously belonged commercially to North Carolina rather than to Georgia is being redeemed for Georgia, Bonnell H. Stone, of Blairsville, representative from Union county, said Saturday.

The mountain experiment station established a year ago by Director H. P. Stuckey of the Georgia experiment station is developing horticultural products to the end that the mountain country can supply the lower south with fruits and vegetables in the late summer and early fall when the latter region has no fresh vegetables and fruits of its own, Representative Stone said.

Mountain conditions not only provide later maturity, but there is a crispness and excellence of flavor of mountain grown vegetables that add to their popularity, Stone declared. Cabbage, cauliflower, Japanese greens, turnips and radishes have been tried in addition to standard varieties, and his research revealed that some of the foreign varieties do well in the mountains although they do not grow successfully elsewhere in the state, he said.

"Irish potatoes do well in the mountains, and the station is trying many varieties to discover the best," he said. "Various varieties of dewberries and raspberries are being tried, and grapes have been introduced. Among the grapes is the Hunt, a cross perfected by Director Stuckey which is between a bunch grape and a muscadine. It is attracting wide attention.

"Plans are being made to develop some of the native fruits and vegetables, including huckleberries, blackberries, apples, peaches, pears, etc. The station has 250 acres under control. A considerable portion is in forest."



and, in co-operation with the Southern Appalachian experiment station at Asheville, N. C., a series of plots have been established on the farm for research work in tree growth. The Georgia Forest service is aiding in this work. One of the interesting pieces of forestry work is the planting of blight resistant Japanese chestnut, as native chestnuts of the mountains are dying rapidly from an invasion of blight."

### Nine-Tenths Preventable

Nine-tenths of all the diseases of the American people can be traced directly to constipation, doctors say. Constipation throws into the system poisons which taint and weaken every organ of the body and make them easy victims for any germs which attack them. Prevent constipation and you will avoid nine-tenths of all diseases, with their consequent pain and financial losses. Herbine, the good old vegetable cathartic, will relieve constipation in a natural, easy and pleasant way. For sale by

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### TALC IS MINED IN CHEROKEE COUNTY

#### Compares Favorably With Italian And French Product

About six miles from Murphy, near Kinsey, on the Nolichucky river, is being mined the highest grade of talc in the United States, in point of quality and whiteness. It compares favorably with French and Italian talc.

This mine has been in operation about four years, and is owned by the Bixby and Smith Company, 41 East 42nd Street, New York City, and operated under the name of the Nolichucky Talc Company. The officers of this company are: John Stead, Easton, Pa., president; J. W. Bailey, Murphy, manager, and J. B. Bailey, Murphy, assistant manager. There are 19 names on the payroll.

**Underground method**  
This talc is mined by an underground method from a shaft 110 feet deep. The strata of talc is from one inch to 10 feet in thickness, and is from 35 to 185 feet underground. Between the strata of talc is marble. About the same amount of marble has to be removed as scrap as the amount of talc mined. After the talc is mined, it is put through a pulverizer and ground to a fineness of approximately 98 1-2 per cent through 225 mesh, then packed in 200 pound bags and shipped to the trade. Material is shipped over the L & N and the Southern railroads to various users in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

Lumps of this talc are used to cut into talc pencils, which are manufactured at the plant. The pencils are used in foundries and iron working shops, and to mark steel. They are made in six sizes, and are shipped to all parts of the United States.

The amount of talc mined in 1930 was 904 cars, and the amount of material shipped was Pulverized talc, 1,064 tons, and talc crayons, 21.6 tons.

opened. Our own bank will re-open, and be possibly the strongest bank in Western North Carolina.

Factories are reopening every day. Great corporations are putting thousands of men back to work. The men at the head of these great companies built their organizations thru ability to foresee future needs. They still have that ability. They know that there will soon be a demand for the things they manufacture, or they would not start manufacturing them.

Everything is looking up. Spring is almost here. Business is already improving. Will you help any by being a grouch and keeping up your terrible laments? Money needs to be circulated. Don't hold on to all you get with a death grip. You know more is coming. Don't take advantage of tight money conditions not to pay your debts. Pay them, so that he can pay his. Are you a worker, or just an ordinary drone? If you are the latter, bite yourself and expire of your own poison.

### Famous Scottish Regiment

The tartan of the Black Watch is entirely military. In 1725, when General Wade was sent to Scotland to pacify the Highlands, he gave orders that the six companies in existence adopt a uniform tartan. This was of a dark color, and gave rise to the name of the Black Watch. In 1739 these six companies were formed into a regiment, and the history of the Black Watch began.

### Red Flag Signified War

In the Roman empire the red flag signified war, and when displayed on the capital was a call for the assembling of the military for active service.

### Oyster Cultivation

The various countries which raise oysters for market besides ours are: England, France, Germany, Holland, Spain, Italy, Australia, China, Japan, Canada, Mexico and certain parts of South America and Algeria. In these various countries there are about ten different species of oysters, all of which are similar in structure to our own, though some do not grow so large and do not have the same flavor.

### Speed of Man and Horse

Several men have beaten horses in city-dash races from standing starts. No man has ever beaten a horse in a mile race.

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## FOR ALL PURSES AND PALATES

A food store the lean purse does not shrink from,  
The careful purse is at home in,  
The fat purse rejoices in—

A food store the hungry flock to,  
The dainty appetite finds satisfaction in,  
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