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 Notice of Service by Publication.
 The defendants, R. E. Johnston and East Lake Lumber Company, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been instituted in the Superior Court of Wake County, North Carolina, for the purpose of recovering from the defendants the sum of six hundred and fifty-six dollars (\$656.00) with interest thereon, being balance due on account of legal services and that a warrant of attachment has been issued against the property of defendants in this state.
 The said defendants will take notice that they are required to appear at the next civil term of the Superior Court of Wake County, to be held on the third Monday after the first Monday in September, 1912, at the court house of said county, in Raleigh, North Carolina, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, which will be filed during the first three days of the term, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the said complaint.
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STORIES OF MOUNTAINS

Dr. Horton Makes a Hit With Free Cigars--Smoked Some Himself

Linville Falls, Aug. 23.—If anyone wants to know what kind of cigars are popular in the counties of Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga he has only to ask Dr. M. C. Horton and he will get the information right away. We dropped one day into a store at a little hamlet, and the doctor, who loves dearly to smoke, asked for a cigar. The man put out a box and the doctor asked the price. The man said they were very good cigars, and were "three for five." When asked if he had something better he fished out another box and with a great deal of pride said this was a great cigar, and its price was "two for five." The next day was Sunday and the doctor laid in a supply of the "three for five" for that day's smoking and also indulged in some of the "two for five" for Sunday, keeping them in separate pockets. He met a group of mountain men and handed out the cigars, everybody taking one, and no doubt he was looked upon as along in the Rockefeller and Carnegie class. That afternoon he was observed to be walking in a very gay fashion along a mighty fine road and pulling away at a cigar, which was cocked at quite a high angle, and the writer commented upon the exquisite smell of the smoke, when lo and behold! the doctor found he was smoking one of those costly Sunday cigars. He put it out and took one of the other sort, which proves how easily one gets used to the "three for five" class. It was a delight to see one of the men, quite an old fellow, fire up and begin to smoke one of the doctor's cigars. He pulled away on it, making a sound almost exactly like an automobile, but he got all there was in it. No one could tell what was in the cigars, but the "three for five" class was named by the writer as "Little Skunk," with apologies to that fragrant little animal. In the cities we get the "Pride of the Sewer" cigar, the "El Manuro," the "Stinkadora," and other luscious brands, but we have nothing on those mountain cigars. Sometimes the doctor left a trail along the highway which made one think an automobile had just passed.

The people in the mountain country are given to matrimony. Good looking young women are the rule and not the exception, and they are not the scrawny kind either, for a hundred pound weight has to be always set against them on the scales and a good many pounds more put on besides. They are not at all like Kipling's "vampire" girl, "a rak, a hone and a hank of hair," but the real thing. At one point, where the new county Avery joins Burke and McDowell, there stands, only a few yards from the highway, a very handsome white oak, and around this there is worn a ring in the earth, like one of those you see in a circus, where the horses go round and round, for this one was made in just the same way. Hard-by this spot live a preacher and a magistrate, and both of them keep their eyes on this tree, which is well known in all three counties, and in Mitchell too, as the "marrying tree." Whenever the preacher or the squire sees a man and woman heading for that tree, particularly if they are on horse back and riding fast, no time is lost in getting to the spot. The first man on hand gets the job of splicing the couple and the resultant funds, a dollar being the usual thing. So there the lovers sit, on horseback, join hands and look maybe to see if the girl's father is on the trail, and in a jiffy the knot is tied and away they go. Hundreds of people have been married at that spot. A fence is along the road, an old-fashioned rail fence too, but the "bars" are easily let down and very near the tree so that access to it is ready.

Along the roadways there were most often the flitting and restless snowbirds, who like so many tourists live now-a-days spend their summers in the mountains. Sometimes a chipmunk, with gray stripes, scurried across the road and once a partridge. Not infrequently the little brown squirrel, peculiar to the high mountain region and known as the "boomer," chattered at us, hopping about in the spruces. This little squirrel is so called on account of a noise it makes. It can flatten itself on a limb until it is nearly as thin as a "post card" and smiles at rifle bullets, unless an artist is holding the gun.

We had a real joy looking at the streams. To people used to the muddy rivers which disfigure so much of the middle country it is always a joy to look at one of those mountain streams, as clear as our springs, and rushing as if they were in a hurry to get somewhere, and to do all sorts of stunts. We saw fifty for which Raleigh and scores of other cities would give any amount of money. The swinging bridges across the largest streams, artistically built are always delightful, and they are a feature in many sections.

Artists are beginning to get rather numerous in the mountains, and mention has already been made of Elliott Daingerfield and his host of young women, who were at Blowing Rock and who were met on the Yonahlossee road and on the Grandfather mountain, but as we were tramping into Linville Falls we passed

very beautiful bungalow, of logs, and presently the artist owner, in picturesque attire, and in his hand a "Tam o' Shanter," came riding along in a big farm wagon, a lot of girl pupils being with him. Very near the point where we saw him we met a sled in the road, on which chestnut fence rails were being hauled. These sleds are used in all the mountain regions, because they can go where wheeled vehicles cannot. Sometimes they are drawn by steers, or what we call "bull yearlings," sometimes by horses or mules, and they go into the wildest kinds of trails, where things hauled have to be lashed on them. We met one of the queerest vehicles imaginable, this being a tiny wagon, all homemade, with wheels which were section of a log, sawed out. This was loaded with peaches, which sold for ten cents a bushel. This wagon was drawn by a stout oxen, which was led by a man, while behind the vehicle walked another, who held his hand on a leather strap, the other end of which was fastened to the rear end of the wagon. His business was to pull back on this when the rig went down a steep hill, so that it would not run upon the hind leg of the ox. In some respects this was the funniest thing we saw in all the long tramp.

Mention has been made of the cheapness of living in that wonderful mountain region, and we tourists found it cheaper than at home. At one place where several very good looking young lady teachers put in the summer work, we found that they got fine board and lodging for \$8 per month, and that is about the usual figure at the country houses. This place where they boarded was about thirty miles from any railway and in one of the most retired spots imaginable, but the honey, the butter, the bread and milk they got there was worth that money and a lot more.

There is a confusion in names, for we have tramped through Linville City, which is not a city at all but merely a beautiful, well and costly resort; here is Linville Falls, a little hamlet with a couple of boarding houses, two stores and half a dozen dwellings, high up and perched on the edge of Avery and Burke counties, with plenty of other counties in sight. Then, at the foot of the mountain, seven miles away, is Linville Falls station, on the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio railway. To tell the truth Linville Falls, on that wonderfully beautiful river, the only stream which breaks through the Blue Ridge, is the finest water-fall in North Carolina; not only in itself but in the grandeur of its setting. In a snowy little cottage perched above the falls, lives Mr. Frank Bicknell, who has in charge of some thousand acres of forest there, some 18,000 in fact, and through this property runs the Linville in its mad course below the falls, through the finest gorge and canyon in the state. The river falls 2,000 feet in ten miles. The finest mountain view is that from what is known as Wiseman's Bluff, five miles from Linville Falls, on the edge of this canyon. It is 1,000 feet to the stream, almost straight down, and there in front of you are the Little Bear, Hawkbill, Table Rock and the Palace of the Gods, the latter a wonderful creation, looking as if giants had built it, for the masses of stone are bigger than the largest house in the world. In this Linville river is the best trout fishing in all the south. From Wiseman's Bluff one can see into South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, and due north there is in view the now abandoned Cloudland Hotel, on top of Roan mountain, over 6,000 feet above sea level. We ate huckleberries and blackberries, looked for rattlesnakes, found none, and saw astonishingly fine scenery until our minds were made up that no place in the mountains can beat Linville Falls.

That night we went to a dance in the little hamlet, a disused store being used for the party, each "set," as it was termed, lasting one hour. Those mountain girls and boys certainly can dance and the steps they too were worth while. A "banjo picker" made all the music and with patting foot and nimble fingers kept things on the move. When the writer asked him how in the world could he play for an hour without stopping he replied "This ain't nothing; I could pick all day and all night." The dance began at 9 o'clock and ended at midnight, and without catching their breath those young women and men danced those hour sets, three of them, with mighty little pause between.

On the way to Linville Falls we had met a fake doctor, who makes a pretense of curing all ailments. The longest time he allowed himself for doing this was six weeks; generally it was a week or ten days. The miracle-worker must do a thriving business, and of course he lives upon the belief so many people have in quacks. For this wonder-worker a permanent cure for indigestion is only a matter of a week. At Linville Falls, as we lay basking in the sunshine, after dinner, in the yard, there suddenly came up the prince of all lunatics, who announced without catching his breath that he had just bought Linville Falls and was going to use it to develop water-power on a vast scale. He said he had made the purchase from the North State Power Company, and that on the first day of October he would deliver power to Charlotte, N. C., Spartanburg, S. C., and Johnson City, Tenn. In less than twenty-four hours we found that keepers of the lunatic asylum as well as the sheriffs of two counties were on the lookout for this man, who had disappeared as quickly as he appeared.

FRED A. OLDS.

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J. A. LONG FOR SENATE
 Granville and Person Will Send Him To Raleigh.
 (Special to The Times.)
 Roxboro, Sept. 14.—Hon. J. A. Long, of Roxboro, was yesterday nominated for the state senate to represent the 18th district, comprised of the counties of Granville and Person.
 This is Mr. Long's fifth term in the senate; Person and Granville alternating candidates every two years. Therefore, Mr. Long has been Person's choice for a period of ten years. The convention was held at Berea, and was presided over by Mr. Brummitt, of Oxford.
 Local politics is still on the quiet order, but indications point to a solid democratic victory this year.

THE MONEY DISAPPEARED
 Trying to Discover What Gibson Did With Mrs. Szabo's Money.
 New York, Sept. 14.—Representatives of the Austrian-Hungarian consulate continued investigation today to learn what disposition was made of the seven thousand dollars in funds left by Mrs. Rosa Menschik Szabo, for whose alleged murder at Greenwood Lake, Burton W. Gibson is incarcerated in Coshen. Gibson as executor of the woman's estate opened an account in a local bank in August under the name "Estate of Rosa Menschik Szabo" and deposited over seven thousand dollars. Subsequently as executor Gibson withdrew all but three hundred dollars. Investigators are trying to find what he did with the money.

Neighborhood Quarrel Results in Fight, Two Being Wounded.
 (Special to The Times.)

Kinston, Sept. 14.—As the result of a roadside duel on the Grifton turnpike at night, Ben Faulkner was painfully, though not fatally shot, his son Guy slightly wounded, and Doc Wallace and his son, Ed, arrested for the shooting. The elder Faulkner is said to be on the road to recovery, while the boy's wounds were insignificant. At a hearing for bond both Wallaces were released on \$1,000 bail by a justice. The affair was the result of bad feeling of long standing. The Wallaces and the Faulkners are neighbors, and live three or four miles from here. The Faulkners and Doc Wallace were going home at the same time, and Ben Faulkner called at Wallace continually during the trip. It is said that Faulkner was drinking. Wallace turned into his yard, and the elder Faulkner called him out from the house, with the threat to have it out with him then and there. Wallace came out, bringing a gun, and followed by his son, Ed. From the buggy in which he was riding, Ben Faulkner opened fire with a revolver, and this was returned by Wallace with the shotgun. A fusillade followed, and Faulkner received a charge of shot in his head and neck, and the horse which he was driving was hit in the head, while the back of the vehicle was filled with lead. Young Faulkner was struck by scattering shot in the back. His father not firing fast enough to suit him, Ed Wallace took the gun from the old man's hand and continued the hostilities himself. Neither were hurt.

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 Condition December 31, 1911, as Shown by Statement Filed.
 Amount of capital paid up in cash deposit, \$210,000.00.
 Amount of ledger assets December 31 of previous year—Increase paid-up capital, \$1,362,104.33.
 Income—From policyholders, \$678,911.81; miscellaneous, \$44,520.63; total, \$723,432.00.
 Disbursements—To policyholders, \$398,648.95; miscellaneous, \$301,295.44; total, \$699,944.39.
 Fire risks—Written or renewed during year, \$75,902,954.00; in force, \$108,402,962.00.
 Assets.
 Value of bonds and stocks \$1,123,252.24
 Cash in company's office 107.62
 Deposited in trust companies and banks not on interest 24,168.47
 Deposited in trust companies and banks on interest 90,364.70
 Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1911 108,437.77
 Agents' balances, representing business written prior to October 1, 1911 2,223.37
 Bills receivable taken for fire risks 37,038.21
 Interest and rents due and accrued 13,124.60
 Total \$1,398,716.98
 Less assets not admitted 47,306.06
 Total admitted assets \$1,351,410.92
 Liabilities.
 Not amount of unpaid losses and claims \$ 70,394.49
 Unearned premiums 641,004.21
 Salaries, rents, expenses, bills, accounts, fees, etc. due or accrued 724.51
 State, county and municipal taxes due or accrued 11,849.38
 Commissions, brokerage and other charges due or to become due to agents and brokers 3,005.02
 Total amount of liabilities except capital \$ 726,977.61
 Capital actually paid up in cash \$ 210,000.00
 Surplus as regards policyholders 414,433.31
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 I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Svea Fire and Life Insurance Company, of Gothenburg, Sweden, filed with this department, showing the condition of said company on the 31st day of December, 1911.
 Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.
JAMES R. YOUNG,
 Insurance Commissioner.