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The Georgians keep coming up to get a line on Carolina.

The mountains of North Carolina suffered a distinct loss when our other congressman was defeated in the Atlanta district.

The Journal regrets the defeat of Will D. Upshaw, in the Fifth District of Georgia. We rather enjoyed having two congressmen.

Boy, page the K. K. K. The Jesuits have taken over the Hot Springs estate in Madison county, for the purpose of establishing a Romanist college.

Our opinion as to the intelligence of the average Chinaman is confirmed by the simultaneous twisting of the British Lion's tail and pulling the beard of Uncle Sam.

Paul Whitlock broadcast a mouthful, when he told the radio listeners that when a state tries to build roads on the pay-as-you-go plan, there is more pay than there is go.

With the completion of the present municipal improvement program, Sylva will be the best paved town in North Carolina, population considered, which is saying a very great deal.

The supreme court of North Carolina is to be called upon to decide who owns an old road. If it is like most of the old roads we used to have in North Carolina, before we came to our senses, it is hard to imagine why anybody should want it bad enough to go to litigation over it.

Mr. Coolidge, when pressed by the democrats for further tax reduction, states that the much-heralded surplus in the treasury is only theoretical, and that the government is borrowing money in large amounts to pay its debts. Figuring on the same basis, we are a millionaire, with a big surplus in the banks.

These North Carolinians of the younger generation are becoming positively extravagant. They spent \$176,270.00 for marriage licenses during the last six months, not taking into account those who crossed the state line into other states to do their license buying. And it should be remembered that this is only first cost, nothing having been said about upkeep.

Towns can grow in more ways than one. They can increase in influence in the affairs of the state, in morals, in refinement, in better homes, and in better living conditions among the people; but most remarkable of all is the amazing growth of Waynesville of 265 feet in altitude in the past twenty years. Then, when the writer lived in that beautiful little city, its most ardent boosters only claimed that it was 2750 feet above the level of the sea. Today, we are all invited to "Come on up" where the altitude is 3015 feet.

AUGUSTA CHRONICLE FAVORS HAMPTON MEMORIAL ROUTE.

Under the heading "Augusta and More Highways", the Augusta Chronicle, of September 2, speaking of the trunk highway from the South to the Smoky Mountains National Park and to Knoxville, of which our highways 106, from the South Carolina line, and No. 10 from Sylva west, would form important links, has this to say:

"An Augustan has just been from Augusta to Smokemont in his car over a good road all the way. He was told that it was only nine miles from Smokemont to Indian Gap, with four miles of this road, now passable only by wagons, already largely graded; and that it was an easy ascent to Indian Gap.

Augusta and many other cities, towns, counties and states are interested in seeing that section of road on either side of Indian Gap opened up as speedily as practicable. It will give a good road from Augusta to Knoxville about 75 miles shorter than any that now exists—or that can probably ever exist—for this will be practically an airline highway. Besides other things, it will enable Augusta, Beaufort, S. C., Savannah, Ga. and much of Florida to get to and through the proposed Great Smoky Mountains National Park."

FOR SHAME

If it is true, and there is little doubt that it is true, in certain instances, that some of the lumber concerns are deliberately rushing up the work of cutting the timber in the Park area, in order to get it off before the government can acquire it, the people who are responsible for such conduct should be ashamed of themselves.

The primary object of the park, was to forever conserve, for the benefit of this and all future generations, the mighty spruce and other original forest trees that yet remain in the park area. The park without the original timber would be of little value, and America would rue the day that it was destroyed.

If certain men are wantonly cutting the timber, they are doing so against the desire of the federal government, against the wishes of the vast majority of the people of Eastern America and are doing an irreparable injury to the state of North Carolina and Western North Carolina in particular.

It has been reported that one con-

cern has reversed the usual order of timber cutting and has built its logging roads into the remotest back country, near the tops of the Smokies, and is now cutting the heart of the spruce forests. If this is true there may be no law by which the responsible people can be punished; but they can be made to feel the lash of public opinion until they will feel that there is no place in North Carolina for men who are robbing our state of her birthright.

Mr. Harris Addresses School.

In compliance with an invitation from Prof. F. I. Watson, the able Supt. of the Dillsboro Schools, Mr. D. H. Harris addressed the school and was much pleased with the progress that has been made the past ten years.

If the whole state, during this golden age of North Carolina, could keep pace with Sylva and Dillsboro, the children would not be robbed of latin in the high schools, which is their birth right says Mr. Harris.

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