

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD ADVERTISES CAROLINA'S "SKYLAND IN BLOOM"

As memory recalls Irvin Cobb said not many moons back that all North Carolina needed to be the world's outstanding section was a "press agent." And already Irvin's statement seems to be something back in the memory like the stare-coach, or the wood burn er—for North Carolina is being "press agented" without state expense in all corners of the globe. Many are the ways that the "Call of Carolina" is carried out on the four winds, but this week a new publicity medium met our vision. On the menu of the Pennsylvania Railroad system in all dining cars and before the gaze of all diners one item reads: "The Land of the Sky in Bloom."

No, it is not a peach desert, nor a mountain apple. Neither is it the beautiful rhododendron, or any of the fragrant flowers that bloom across the state from the Blue Ridge's towering peaks to the swishing tide at the seashore. It is all and more. A rare treat for Pennsylvania diners. Men in these days of speed and time efficiency like to read as they eat; so do the ladies as they become business-like. And what could please the diner more than an article that portrays the natural beauty of a beautiful land so that it far surpasses a delectable dessert and brings more charm than a centerpiece of wonderful flowers? What's more, it is so and the hundreds who read of "The Land of the Sky in Bloom" may gain more joy by visiting the state that sends a new thrill into the human heart because of its awe-inspiring natural beauty. On the back of the front of the menu "The Land of the Sky in Bloom," reads as follows:

The healthy glow of the early peach bloom might well be accepted as a symbol of the wonderful climate and colorful scenery of that delightful mountainous resort section of Western North Carolina adjacent to Asheville and popularly known as "The Land of the Sky."

Yet the bloom of the peach blossoms as a symbol is but one of the numerous tokens, in this majestic land of purest air, which seem to express a redolent gratitude for Dame Nature's having so generously set her beauty and so beautifully afforded many ready opportunities for wholesome recreation in this region of splendor.

"The Land of the Sky" is delightful, especially in spring and summer, when the mountains' sides seem all ablaze with the fire of flame-colored azaleas and glowing masses of rhododendrons and laurel blaze forth in splendor to burn with a varied colored brilliancy.

Those of us up North who seek a cooler climate will find it in these refreshing mountains during summer. It is still fascinating here in the fall, as autumn lingers into December, and in the sparkling winter season. The average July and August temperature of 71 degrees drops only to 35 degrees in mid-winter, hence at no season is out-door life impossible.

Grounded within this encircled region of 300 miles covering an acreage of 3,000 square miles, of irregular plateau with an average elevation of 2,000 feet above the sea, are many delightful resorts, each having its own special attractions. Besides Asheville with an altitude of 2,250 feet, "The Land of the Sky" includes the Sapphire Country, Lake Junaluska, Montreat 2,366 feet, Hendersonville 2,428 feet, Tryon 1,200 feet, Brevard 2,228 feet, Waynesville 2,655 feet, Balsam 3,348 feet, Mt. Pisgah 5,749 feet, Biltmore 2,300 feet, Mt. Mitchell 6,711 feet, Linville 3,800 feet, Blowing Rock 4,090 feet, and Mayview Park 4,500 feet.

The imposing mountains are marvellous. Half a hundred peaks ascend

higher than any of the Adirondacks, and more than a score are higher than Mt. Washington of New Hampshire. Stately Mt. Mitchell with its height of 6,711 feet, is the highest mountain in the United States east of the Rockies. From its lofty forests of pine with their characteristic fragrance seems to smile down upon the glorious fields of cotton and corn that cover the lowlands famed in song and story of the Sunny South.

Inviting, indeed, is this vast land of joy because of its nearness to the North. It is conveniently reached from any point on the Pennsylvania railroad. This lofty pine-clad pleasure land, once impregnable, now offers no resistance, for the railroad has come through the open door of the mountains, as it follows the course of the Catawba river, and over the crest of the Blue Ridge to a giant's fairy land whose trees and ferns and flowers offer truthful evidence that we need not search out the remote parts of the continent in quest of greater natural beauty.

The virgin wilderness of the mountains in some sections of "The Land of the Sky" remains just as Daniel Boone left it in the pioneer days as he forced his way through north-westward to Kentucky. But progress plainly shows her visits and each season the thousands who come to these enchanted precincts of the Blue Ridge and the Great Smokies of the Appalachians find that ultra-modern improvements have preceded them.

During the past three years over \$50,000,000 have been spent here for improved roads alone. From hillside camps, porches of modest boarding houses, or piazzas of numerous palatial hotels overlooking the mighty and noble landscape one is offered an impressive view of matchless beauty, through which an endless stream of motor parties daily wind their way on pleasure jaunts from towns nearby.

Health and happiness are here under the canopy of a marvelously deep azure sky. Golf and every form of sport and recreation are found among the rolling hills that hem in placid lakes and sparkling streams well stocked with bass and trout.

You will search the world in vain for a country of greater charm and beauty and invigorating climate offering so many attractions for enjoying a vacation as Western North Carolina known to everyone as the land of happy thoughts—"The Land of the Sky."

The more dishwasher a wedding ring sees the longer it seems to last.—Columbia Record.



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Love of a Dog And The Lower Animals

Editor of The Star.

The first bereavement I had when a small boy was for the death of a speckled hound dog, "Rock," that died suddenly, my father had two hound dogs, "Rock and Crockett," that he said could catch any deer that stayed on the ground. Deer when chased would take to deep water rivers and mill ponds. Without a wide mill pond where the deer around Cherry mountain could take refuge. Billy C. Lattimore said Rock had more sense than any dog he ever knew. When deer were chased they had certain crossing places in their range. The hunters called these deer stands and would occupy them for a shot at the deer as they passed. Rock learned to know these stands and would take near cuts and get there before the deer and be ready for a sight race. I was brought up to love dogs and hunting. When 18 years old I had to give up hunting with dogs and was put to hunting with a gun, the numerous Yankees and foreign hirelings that invaded our lands. After we had had enough of that kind of sport we turned to fox hunting again, but I soon found it too hard on my physical and financial resources, and I dropped dogs and hunting and turned my energies in trying to provide for wife and children. I posed as a reformed fox hunter, saying, "It is not meant to take children's bread and cast it to dogs." Then I was disgusted with hunting birds with dogs, exterminating birds and that let insects destroy crops, so for 50 years I had as little as possible to do with dogs—all dogs seemed a useless, dangerous nuisance; scavengers—carriers of fleas, and all the disease germs afloat. But my children carrying the blood of savage ancestors imposed a few dogs on me that I reluctantly submitted to. The last year has found us with an Airdale pup the smartest, most intelligent dog I have ever associated with. It made me love it in spite of myself. I have stayed close home all winter and it has been my closest and most faithful companion. It was always wanting to help do something, chase chickens, drive cattle and guard the yard at night. It let all comers pass in daylight, but when night came it went on duty to protect the yard and barn lot. Then he took upon himself the protection of Miss Lottie at her millinery store on the public road, and protesting the passage of cars, got run over and went under the house and died—as true patriots have always died in the performance of duty. It was so sudden and unexpected, I had not realized how much it was to me until it had passed so quickly, leaving me to grieve for it. It should have been left at home tied or kept in a kennel. Dogs should not run at large except under care of a master and turned loose only when wanted. Our dog was only nine months old and had not learned to care for itself. I alone was responsible for its better care "who knows the true relations of man to the lower animals." The Bible says, "The righteous man considereth the life of his beast." And Solomon says: "Who knoweth that the soul of man goeth up and the soul of the beast goeth down?" But there is not a favorable word in the Bible for the dog. Yet, "he prayeth best that loveth best—All things both great and small; for the good God that maketh us, He maketh and loveth all." Not a sparrow falls to the ground without his notice. "Who sees with equal eye as God of all, A hero perish or a sparrow fall."

Our Christian religion teaches us to love and work with him. All intelligence yields to kindness and resents oppression. If a man has more sense than a horse, he will be able to manage and treat it kindly—otherwise the horse will resent his barbarity.

If there be retribution in a future life, how we may suffer for the way we treat dumb animals over which we have dominion. If a man acts hogrish and dogdish in this life, the best he can hope for is to be a hog or a dog in the next. The character he makes here will follow him. Under the Jewish Sabbath, as a day of rest, horses and oxen were included. Our preachers have driven horses 30 miles on Sunday, preached a great sermon "on keeping the Sabbath" and then eat a big, hot dinner that tired women had worked all day preparing. John the Baptist ate grasshoppers and wild honey; and Jesus Christ ate raw wheat when he was hungry on a Sabbath day. Now some preachers will gladly accept money from masked dragons and wizards and praise the "noble order" that gives it. How times do change! The devil could now afford a long vacation everything moves so smoothly in his kingdom.

JAMES C. ELLIOTT.

Tomato Blight Cause of Loss

Good Results Have Been Obtained by Setting Out Hardened Plants.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)
Tomato growers in the Middle Atlantic and Middle Western states may greatly reduce their losses from leaf-spot, or blight, by following the practices recommended in Department Bulletin 1288, The Control of Tomato Leaf-Spot, by Fred J. Pritchard and W. S. Porte, recently issued by the United States Department of Agriculture. The disease, which in the United States, causes the commercial growers an estimated annual loss of 250,000 tons of tomatoes, is widely distributed east of the Rocky mountains.

Because spore formation of this fungus takes place only at temperatures between 59 and 80.5 degrees F., and because the disease develops best only within a temperature range of 73 to 78 degrees F., it is relatively unimportant in the northern states and in the far South. Because it thrives best in a moist atmosphere, it is more abundant in Maryland, Virginia, and the adjoining coast states than in the inland parts of the same temperature belt.

Mixtures Too Expensive.

In the past Bordeaux or other copper spray mixtures have given the best control of leaf-spot, but profits have not always been increased enough to justify the expense. The bulletin suggests that a more effective and economical method of control lies in the use of modified field practices. Good results have been obtained by setting out large, stocky, well-hardened plants early in the spring. Since the fungus does not produce spores at low temperatures the disease will not begin to do damage in this region before the latter half of June and for that reason these early plants escape more leaf-spot than the small ones that are commonly set late. Plants of the desirable kind at least six weeks old can be produced cheaply outdoors in the South and shipped north at the right time for planting. In 1923 more than 30,000,000 southern-grown tomato plants were shipped into Indiana and a considerable number into the Eastern states. Some of the larger northern companies manufacturing tomato products are growing their own plants in the South, in order to obtain healthy plants of suitable size and age. The indiscriminate purchase of southern stock of unknown history cannot be recommended, because of the attendant danger of introducing wilt and root-knot. There is need of a system of plant certification to protect the careful southern grower and the northern purchaser against this danger.

Fungus Prevented.

The fungus can be largely prevented from over-wintering by plowing under the old tomato vines in the fall. The vines must be thoroughly covered to kill all the fungus on them and this can be accomplished by first cutting them with a disk and by using a weed hook on the plow or a weed hook and jointer. The fungus also grows and produces spores on dead weeds, grasses, and remains of various crops, especially cornstalks. By keeping these dead materials covered with soil and by destroying such plants as the horse-nettle, groundcherry, Jimsonweed and nightshade and by burning dead weeds and grasses along the fence rows and other waste places, the disease can be well controlled.

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"Marshal Foch"



General Hsu is called the "Marshal Foch" of China. He is commander-in-chief of all the Chinese armies. General Hsu is in Paris, studying French military tactics and equipment to learn at first hand the methods of Marshal Foch.

BOAT RIDING NOW ON LAWNDALE DAM

Lawndale Farmers Well up With Work New Ice Plant, Recovers From Pneumonia. Personal Events. (Special to The Star.)

Lawndale, May 4.—The farmers of this section are well up with their work. The few days cold weather is causing many of us to feel blue as well as the young corn and cotton that is just making its first visit to light. However "Jo-Jo" has promised us some warm weather in the near future. We sure hope he knows.

Mr. Hoyt Cline is finishing up a new barn at the old home place, Mrs. Mat Cline's near Lawndale.

The authorities at Lawndale are preparing to keep the little town cool this summer. The ice plant is well under way and will be completed at an early date. Already the fixtures are being installed.

The new building at Piedmont High school will soon have a roof and the carpenters will be ready to call on the plastering bunch to contribute their might toward the completion. The plumbing is being done by Shelby plumbers.

The members and pastor of the New Bethel Baptist church are proud of their nice new building on the old church grounds. They have a right to be. Every effort is being made to get ready for the first service the fourth Sunday in May. A memorial service will be held in connection with the service. It is hoped that a large crowd can attend.

Prof. Quay Grigg has come home for the summer. Professor Grigg has taught two schools at Indian Trail. He has been successful enough that they have secured his promise to return another school year before he left.

Mr. Hal Schenck went to Charlotte Saturday on business.

Miss Lillian Russel and brother of Hubert, eastern part of this state, were visitors at Piedmont high school Sunday afternoon. Miss Russel has been teaching in Gaston county for several years. They were accompanied by Misses Nora and Pearl Cornwell and Mr. Paxton Elliott of Shelby.

The school committee of district 58 have ordered a house to house school census to be taken. The census taker has reported near 300 pupils in the little town of Lawndale. Of this number there are 35 with bad eyes, hearing or tonsils. One thing the census taker reported that is unusual for mill towns; families of six, eight and more children were all born in the little town.

Young Tom Dixon, son of Will Dixon near Lawndale is recovering slowly from an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Dixon has certainly had tough luck this spring. First, two of his trusty renters

SAVED FRIEND FROM HOSPITAL

So Mrs. Heckman Decided To Try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—Note Results—

Council Bluffs, Iowa.—"I had pains in my back and sides and headaches, so that I could not do my work. Once in a while I would be sick a week. A friend told me that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound had kept her out of the hospital, so I thought I would try it, as I had tried a number of other medicines. Now I feel like a different person and am telling my friends about the Vegetable Compound helping me, hoping they will let it help them, too."—Mrs. ETHEL HECKMAN, Box 21, R.F.D. No. 1, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Saved From An Operation
Monsen, Pa.—"I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for a serious case of female trouble. The worst pain I had was in my right side and back with swelling in my side so that I was unable to walk at one time. I was ordered to go to the hospital but here I am, still without an operation. I saw your advertisement and have taken the Vegetable Compound with splendid results. I recommend it freely and will answer any letters from women asking about my case."—Mrs. J. NELSON, 842 Donner Ave., Monsen, Pa.

Bare Knees Versus Tie-less Necks

Asheville—Six hundred boy students of the local high school paraded through corridors of the school this morning with their neckties removed, as a protest against girl students who "roll their stockings." A half-dozen boys who appeared wearing neckties had this piece of their clothing taken off by the other boys.

J. W. Griffith, principal, announced at assembly that the removal of the neckties was foolishness and that the boy students need not go to class without their neckties. Some of the teachers admitted the youths, others excluded them.

The necktie strike followed the posting of notices in the corridors yesterday by the boys that unless the girls desist in "rolling their stockings," the boys would come to school sans neckties.

The boys have come back with the statement that if they are kept out of class the same action should be taken against the girls. "If they can show their knees, we ought to be allowed to show our Adam's apples" quoth the youths.

Man Known Here Prevents Escape

Fred Rice, Assailant Of Senator Sam Lattimore Warns Gang Guard Of The Plans.

Gaffney Ledger.
An attempted escape from the Cherokee county chaingang Sunday night was frustrated when Fred Rice, one of the prisoners, gave the alarm and called guards to the cage in which 12 white men had been locked for the night.

One of the prisoners had smuggled a pick into the cage, and with this instrument the men had raised one of the floor boards after sawing loose from the log chain to which they had been fastened. Everything was ready for the get-away when Rice is said to have announced his intention to call the guards.

Walter Childers and Fay Jones, two of four prisoners recaptured when six escaped last September, were believed to be the leaders of the latest effort to get away.

Rice is serving a term for his participation in an attack on Senator Sam Lattimore, of Shelby, N. C., near Thickety a year ago last Christmas. He failed to appear for trial at the November term of court here, but later began serving a sealed sentence handed down at that time. His brother, Perry Rice, and Dock Blackwell, of Spartanburg county, are also "doing time" for the same offense.

R. F. Collins of Wake county bought a brood sow for \$100 and sold \$900 worth of pigs from her in three years. He believes in swine growing, reports county agent J. C. Anderson.

Because their cotton seed was damaged by constant rains last fall, farmers of Scotland county have ordered more than 3,300 bushels of improved seed this spring, states S. E. Evans, county agent.

Tom Tarheel says he is going to leave his cotton 12 inches apart in the row this year and try out this thick spacing idea.

Get the bugs before they take the garden. Don't nurse the vegetables along to maturity and then let insects or disease take them.

negroes died. His home was then saddened by the death of a maiden aunt with whom he has lived since birth. Next his young son Tom, became very ill with pneumonia. During the sickness of the boy Mr. Dixon lost a fine young Jersey cow, eligible for registration.

Since the completion of the new power dam near Lawndale, boat riding is the style and pleasure of the surrounding community.

Mrs. Nancy L. Byrum

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