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## A Trip to Florida.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT: I left home on April 30th, 1914, and took the train at Lenoir for Charlotte, and arrived there at 2:00 o'clock p. m., and then left Charlotte at 10:30 p. m., for Jacksonville, Fla. arriving there at 8:00 p. m. and left Jacksonville at 8:20 p. m. for Sebastian, Fla. arriving there at 8:00 a. m., and here I went to a hotel, and a good one too, with plenty of everything that the human appetite could wish for, and took breakfast and felt almost like a new man.

I next want to tell your readers that the people are the most generous, kind and exemplary of any people almost I ever met in life, anywhere or at any time, it seemed that their highest ambition was that of hospitality. Here I met a number of North Carolinians and some Tennesseans, whose presence made me feel that I was not launched altogether among rank strangers.

We next went through a great many of the finest of grape, orange, banana, pine apple and a number of other groves, the names of which I have now forgotten, and then my eyes were attracted by the most beautiful fields of beans, tomatoes, potatoes, (Irish) watermelons etc.

Next I examined the land, or soil and found it to be of two kinds of sand, that is red and white, and from the information these people gave me as to the fertility I take it that the red sandy soil is the more fertile. There is also a soil known as alluvium which is extremely fertile, notwithstanding, I saw first as fine products on the sandy soil as on this alluvium, or as we sometimes call it, mulch. The common price of this land is from 25 to \$100 per acre. I next visited W. W. Holeclaw and family two miles off at Rose-land, and found them seemingly as happy as could be. Bill, as we call him, had his sleeves rolled to his elbows and just as jolly as ever, and when I went to his dinner table I found it just as well laden with the choicest that one could picture in imagination ever though he might draw to his mind the very best of his past observation. I then took a boat with H. E. Deal and crossed the Indian river, which is three and one half miles wide and the most beautiful stream I ever saw, clear as crystal. We went to the Atlantic ocean, which was so attractive that I only wish it had been so all our Watauga folks could have been with us, and then talk about fish, it is indescribable, they were in piles and droves in the river to say the least of it, and to give an idea of the size of them, I brought home with me the saws of one which weighed one hundred pounds, though I do not mean to say, as some one might want some proof, that they were all this heavy that I saw. I will say in conclusion that I have never seen any country any thing like as pretty as Florida, and I only have found one objection to Florida, and that is, the water is not good.

BOONE DEAL.

Sheerwood, N. C.

## CHILD CROSS? FEVERISH? SICK?

A cross, peevish, listless child, with coated tongue, pale, doesn't sleep; eats sometimes very little, then again ravenously; stomach sour; breath fetid; pains in stomach, with diarrhea; grinds teeth while asleep, and starts up with terror—all suggest a Worm Killer—something that expels worms and almost every child has them. Kickapoo Worm Killer is needed. Get a box to-day. Start at once. You won't have to coax, as Kickapoo Worm Killer is a candy confection. Expels the worms, the cause of your child's trouble. 25c at your druggist.

## POINTLESS PARAGRAPHS.

Subscribe for the Democrat. Who wants fogs in Boone, anyhow?

Both high and low, just watch Boone grow. Figgers do not lie, but my, how liars do figger.

Close on the heels of the hot wave came the customary Thaw. Grape juice these hot days beats the naval dryness all hollow.

"What is so rare as a day in June?" asked Lowell. Why, just any old day in Boone.

There is but one i in the River of Doubt, which is a sure sign that Teddy never discovered it.

Any sort of a rule—even Irish Home-Rule—could get along with out an Ulster during these torrid days.

The dry wing of the democratic party in Tennessee is called on by the wet wing to support a man for governor by the name of Rye. Preposterous!

The man who can hide behind a woman's skirts nowadays could dance a jig, throw a double-back-acting somersault and skin the cat on the point of a cambric needle.

Like Davy Crockett's squirrel, the French nation "just came down" when it heard that the Hero of San Juan Hill wanted to pass through their borders, and gave him carte blanche.

Whatever has become of one Judson A. Harmon of Ohio, who was so bent on becoming president of these "Nunited States" about two years ago? Don't all speak at once, please. One at a time will answer.

"On to Boone!" shouts the summer tourist as he girds up his loins and his appetite for cold buttermilk and hot fried chicken—num, num, num—. Well, the sharpener of these Pointless Paragraphs is already, and cannot be driven away.

There never was but one thing wrong with Boone—the want of red-headed girls. Since the summer school has opened, however, we hear no complaint, the old want having been supplied most abundantly and beautifully.

"Us" mountain people can get along along all right without either the tango, the turkey-trot or the maxixe while civilization of a certain erotic sort swelters and progresses to the north and west of us.

The Messrs. Carlton, proprietors of the new daily automobile line between Lenoir and Boone, have been driven to announce that the appetites of summer boarders cannot be hauled in their machines even by paying extra, but must come with the trunks by freight.

"Hark from the tomb!" General Nelson A. Miles, who put handcuffs on Jefferson Davis while he was confined in the strongest fortress in the world, and whom Teddy squelched many moons ago, has arisen in his ceremonies long enough to predict the defeat of the discoverer of the River of Doubt in 1916. Even some dead people do not know when they are well off.

The king and queen of Spain dined with the American minister whose daughter Kermit married last week. But that was before the Terrible Teddy had landed on the depot's shore. After he had really reached Urip, however, these potentates could not be blind folded and backed into the marriage ceremonies at which a man who, single handed and alone sunk Cervara's fleet and conquered the bloody heights of San Juan Hill, was the bride, the groom, the best man and the whole "out fit" generally.

Misfortune is no respecter of persons—and neither is fortune, for the matter of that.

## STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

Congress is still grumbling and the Schoolmaster is still holding the rod over them. They may adjourn when they do what they were elected to do, and not before.

J. N. Camden was named by the governor of Kentucky to fill the vacancy caused in the U. S. Senate by the death of the late Senator Bradley.

The Jefferson Recorder states that a new depot has been established on the Virginia-Carolina railway at Green Cove, Va., and was ready on June 1st to handle freight.

Winston-Salem is to have a new depot, and many of the high officials of the Southern railway attended a meeting there for the purpose of considering location, plans etc.

Isaac Edward Emerson of Baltimore, gave the University of N. C. \$25,000 recently for a stadium. It was gladly accepted by the trustees on the 2nd inst.

The just freight rate association will be reorganized and continue agitation for the reduction of freight rates in this State.

Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Ry., says the crop outlook all along the lines of his railroad, which covers most of the South, is splendid.

The magnificent bronze monument to the Confederacy by Sir Moses Ezekiel was unveiled in Arlington cemetery, near Washington June 4th. Arlington was Gen. Lee's old home. President Wilson was the principal speaker.

This monument was suggested by President McKinley, authorized by Congress and the corner stone was laid by President Roosevelt.

The Valle Crucis and Blowing Rock Turnpike company, capital \$3,000. (with amount subscribed \$500.) was incorporated June 4. It will maintain a turnpike between Valle Crucis and Blowing Rock. E. I. Lawrence and other were the incorporators.

There was a general row in the Third Congress district at Goldsboro on the 3rd, during which noses were broken and blackeyes given. The sheriff and chief of police made arrests. George E. Hood was nominated, defeating Congressman Thomas who has appealed to the State Committee, claiming irregularities.

Sir Wilcocks of Assouan dam fame, and now engaged in the flood control of the Tigris-Euphrates rivers, has been engaged by the U. S. government as a consulting engineer in all its reclamation projects. He has already gone on a tour of inspection of the same. He will, doubtless, have something to say as to the flood control of the Mississippi.

France gave Former President Roosevelt the white permit which is given only to visiting rulers, ex-rulers and members of royal families for his passage through that country on his way to Spain. He was dined and shown much attention.

The new railroad now building from North Wilkesboro has given assurances that if the governor will give the use of fifty convicts the road will be completed to within a short distance of Cook's Gap within six months. A petition numerously signed has been sent from Boone for that purpose.

Authority has been granted the insurance companies concerned to raise the Empress of Ireland in the St. Lawrence river. The Storstad which rammed her has been held for damages inflicted, but her owners claim she was not at fault, and have given bond for the release of the ship. It is also claimed now that the boats of the Storstad saved over 400 of the wrecked passengers.

There will be a meeting at Washington, D. C. June 18th of the governors, U. S. senators, congressmen of the six Appalachian States with Secretary Josephus Daniels, Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway, and others in the interest of the setting aside of the wooded lands in the Southern Appalachian mountains, for pleasure, health and recreation parks.

President Wilson in an address to the graduates of the U. S. naval academy at Annapolis, June 5th, expressed the prayer that the boys now at Vera Cruz will not have to fight any more. He claimed that these naval men had created a good impression on the Mexicans who before their coming had despised and hated Americans. Also, that the idea of America is to serve humanity, and that we went to Mexico not on an errand of conquest but on an errand of service.

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## Former Watauga Dies in Washington.

After a lingering illness of heart-dropsy, at 8:30 o'clock on Friday morning, May 22nd, when the world was still and only a number of relatives surrounded the bed-side, "A Band of Angels" beckoned Mr. G. W. Coffey to a brighter home above. He had been ill for three months. He was born in Caldwell county, North Carolina, in the year 1854 and died May 22nd, 1914, aged 59 years 6 months and 11 days.

He later moved to Watauga county, on Lance's Creek, near Shulls Mills. The family resided there until they came to the state of Washington. He lived here until death called him home.

Mr. Coffey was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Jane Ieenhour in the year 1874, to them were eight children of whom seven are living.

The funeral services were held in the First Baptist church of Okanogan, Washington. They were conducted by Rev. C. M. Mikel, of Brewster, Washington, formerly of Watauga county, North Carolina, they were well attended by his loving relatives and friends. He had filled a great mission here on earth and no doubt there was rejoicing in heaven when the spirit swept through those Pearly Gates into that city love.

Great sympathy is felt for the ones who are left to mourn the departure of that dear husband and father, but one sweet consolation is, that they may find comfort in the thoughts that he is safe forever more.

ETHEL MARY ROBBINS Omack, Washington.

## Has Mediation Failed.

On the 11th inst the South American mediators decided that they would wait no longer for an answer from Carranza, president of the constitutionalists, as to the terms on which he would take part in the mediation proceedings. As it was generally understood that Carranza would not be allowed a hearing unless he should agree to an armistice and a suspension of hostilities against the Huertistas, and as he has repeatedly declared that he would not agree to these terms, no other end has been expected for some days. The determination of the mediators to have Huerta name his successor was rejected by the United States as a practical recognition of Huerta as president de facto of the Mexican nation, a thing the president has always refused to do.

As any settlement of the situation which does not include Carranza's faction would amount to nothing, it is supposed that the latter will continue his triumphant march to the city of Mexico. Well, if he does, it is far better than having send our own men there to do the fighting which he and his right hand, Villa, are doing so acceptably.

## Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Mr. A. J. Harpe, owner of "Newer Fail Farm," near Pineview, informs the Express that tobacco plants have been put out on 300 of the 400 acres of which he will have in cultivation this year. The plants were kept alive by water being put on them.—Sanford Express.

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