

TOASTING THE NEW NORTH STATE

The New North State

Once it was the Old North State—a sweet memory, a pathetic lament—the Rip Van Winkle state, asleep for two full centuries.

Now it is the New North State—awake at last, wide awake—refreshed and renewed by her long sleep—vigorous, and aflame, with the early morning visions of youth—boastful—blatant, if you please—chock full of bla-bla and blurb, after the manner of a robust, two-fisted male youngster in the pin-feather stage of development—conscious of this power and immodestly boastful.

North Carolina is actually beginning to believe in herself and to boast of herself exceedingly, for all the world like Atlanta, Chicago, GALLEY 5

the Atlanta of the West, was the headline when Cleveland reached the Windy City in his Swing around the Circle in the days of his presidency.

Atlanta has been the butt of many a merry jest. She's shameless in her boasting. Henry Grady began it and the very kid, keep it up. It is the spirit of indomitable youth, and youth wins. Atlanta proves it. California proves it. And in particular Los Angeles.

Los Angeles bonds herself a hundred dollars per inhabitant, spends thirty millions on a water-supply system, and twelve millions more on a man made harbor twelve miles away. She stands right up and blows about it, pictures it in the magazines the world around, and she doubles her population and quadruples her wealth in a single decade.

North Carolina multiplies her public school fund twenty times in over twenty years, spends forty-two million dollars in two years on public school buildings, equipments, and support, one hundred and twenty-two millions of federal, state and local money on public highways, and pays another one hundred and twenty two millions of taxes into the federal treasury on incomes, profits, estates and the like in a single

year. But sh-h-h! Nobody must mention it! It's immodest to say a word about it! North Carolina begins—barely begins—to cash-in the immense assets that lie in her soils and seasons, forests and water-falls mines and factories; and just as she begins, her fervor is chilled by the charge that she is immoderate and unabashed in her boasting.

It was a Californian who said at Long Beach in 1921, North Carolina has got California beat a mile, and doesn't know it.

But North Carolina does know it in 1923 and she means to let the world know it.

It has taken her two centuries to develop gumption, grace and grit enough to lay down the foundation of a great commonwealth in public education, and public high way. And she has the courage of her convictions.

She does not mean to nudge her light under a bushel measure but to set it on a candlestick right out in the open for all the world to see.

The people of North Carolina know—at least they have been told often enough to know—that we are building good roads faster than any other state in the Union, Pennsylvania alone excepted; but also that our improved highways do not yet reach the total mileage of good roads in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, or California.

And they know, too, that the twenty million dollars we are spending on public schools this year is four times the sum we were spending for this purpose ten years ago; but also that we are still far behind the Middle Western states in public schools support. And that in legislation appropriations for college culture thirty-five states make a better showing than North Carolina. The University News Letter carried the facts away back under in July 1922.

The state has not lost her sense of perspective. She is not swash-buckling, but she is doing great things of late and she's proud of them. She can display her wares, but she need not do it like Simon of Mother Goose fame. She need not be provincial and parochial—which are polite terms for ignorance of what is happening in the big wide world beyond her borders.

So here's to the New North State. The old-age son of Sarah the barren. The bottle-fed boy brought up by Murphy and Moorehead—schooled by Wiley, McIver, Noble, Alberman, Teaham, Claxton, Joyner, and Brooks—and licked into lustiness by Vance, Aycock, Bickett and Morris.

son! Who is now as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber and rejoicing as a strong man to run a race.

May he forever be rich in purse and—poor in spirit! Always abounding in wealth and in willingness to devote it to the common weal and the commonwealth!—News Letter.

Suit

Rev. C. F. Martin filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

The following young men have, within the last week, left our community for Akron, Ohio: Gay and Clyde Montgomery, Harley and Joel Johnson, Lonnie Wood, Benjamin Weaver, and H. Burton McNabb.

Mr. J. P. Decker's folks have all been real sick for the last several days.

Messrs. J. M. Patterson, J. J. Rose and J. W. Keenum spent the week-end with their families, returning to Ducktown the first of the week.

Bro. Joe Beaver and family passed through our village Sunday. Joe says he doesn't mind the muddy roads as he doesn't run a "Ford."

Mr. O. P. Taylor and family spent the week-end with Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Allen.

Miss Leora Hickey spent the week-end with home folks, returning to Blue Ridge Monday, where she is attending school.

Mr. M. M. Burger's new telephone works all right. His boys have tried it out and they say that it "talks fine."

Miss Edna Courtiss has returned to her home at Athens, Tenn. She was called home on account of the illness of her sister, Wyvetta.

Mr. Ferdinando Ferguson, of Hyatt, Tenn., is here for a short time looking after his farming interests in this part.

Our Sunday School

Dear friends, I fear by some 'tis said, That our Sunday School at Friendship's dead. But, believe it or not, for it has only slept. While God, Our Father, our record's kept.

Of course, there are many who are staying away. And they may regret it on that great Judgment Day. When we shall come before the judgment seat And give an account of our journey complete.

'Tis wrong to stay at home and pout, Or else go loafing and gossiping about. Things that are past and forever more gone. Why not be broader and pass these things on?

Some day we'll awake, hope, to find Schools, roads, and elections off our mind; Then maybe for our Lord we'll work, Instead of trying our duty to shirk.

ABOUT TIME TO SPRAY APPLES

Raleigh, Mar. 21.—When the pink of the unfolded apple blossoms is beginning to show and just before the blossoms have opened is the time to spray for "apple scab," suggests G. W. Fant, extension worker for the State College and Department of Agriculture in the control of plant diseases. Mr. Fant states that those appl. orchards in which the scab has been had in previous years should receive a cluster bud spray as a means of keeping this disease in check during the coming season. A spray given at this time is the most important that could be given in the

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Mr. Fant states that scab lives throughout the winter on old leaves found beneath the trees. It spreads from these leaves back to the new leaves and fruit buds just as the blossom buds have separated from each other and are in the cluster stage. He suggests that these buds be watched carefully to tell when the spray application should be made. It may be five or six days before the full bloom period or longer, depending on how the weather warms up. In most cases the county agent can advise just when it is time to make this spray.

As to the proper treatment to be given, Mr. Fant says, "Spray of the summer strength must be used at this time, since the winter spray is too strong for unfolding leaf buds and blossoms buds. When using liquid lime sulphur, apply at the rate of 5 quarts to 50 gallons of water, plus one pound of dry arsenate of lead or two pounds of arsenate of lead. If aphid were severe last year, add one-half pint of Black Leaf 40 to ever fifty gallons of water. If spray material other than liquid lime sulphur is used, apply at summer strength according to recommendations furnished by the

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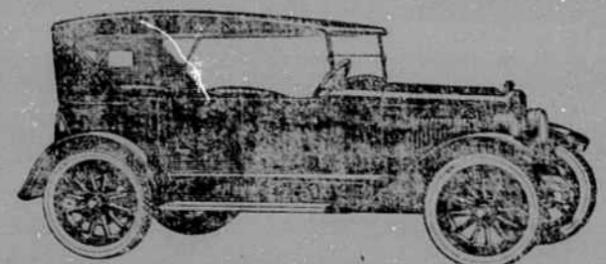
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