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THE NEW NORTH CAROLINA
New York Times.

The story of the new North Carolina as told by French Strother in The World's work draws the imagination like a magnet, so fascinating are his pictures of the progress of its people in the last quarter of a century. Many a man looking at a map of North Carolina with Pacific sound and the Atlantic Ocean on the east and the towering Appalachian range in the west, so that it is blessed with every climate of the temperate zone, has envied its inhabitants their natural advantages. What a state to be born in and to work and play in where the Summer heats can always be escaped by hiking to the mountain forests where the Winters are mild and short and where the soil yields of its abundance and the sea and its lagoons of their teeming fish and game. But to North Carolina's natural wealth the energy and industry of its people have added taxable material wealth, with the result that cities have sprung up from backwoods settlements, straggling villages have become handsome towns, modern highways have been constructed from sea to mountains and where were poverty and privation not many years ago are now plenty and luxury. In brief North Carolina has risen from the ruins of a Civil War to an almost incredible prosperity. Her people owe much to the inspired leadership of Charles B. Aycock who served them as Governor and died full of honors twelve years ago. He had been a plowboy on the red clay farm his family of no consequence. His first passion when he grew to manhood was schools. He dropped dead in the middle of a sentence in a famous speech on Universal Education. Mr. Strother speaks of Aycock as "perhaps the greatest orator North Carolina has produced, as well as one of its sweetest spirits and bravest men." No man's epigrams were more stimulating. He declared that "a democracy cannot be built on the backs of ignorant men." Others who helped North Carolina to see "her dreams come true" were Edwin A. Alderman and Walter Hines Page. The latter's inspirational speech on "The Forgotten Man" was read and is treasured by thousands of North Carolinians. Well known also is his book "The Rebuilding of Old Commonwealths." Such cultivation of natural resources as the Dukes contributed wonderfully to the progress of the State. The road builders brought the people of the highlands and plains into such intimate touch that no farmer now lives far from a highway. There are no more isolated mountaineers. The poor white as a type has vanished.

"The further North Carolina goes on the road of progress the faster she seems to move. Seven years ago spent \$1,000,000 a year on school maintenance. Last year the amount was \$23,000,000. In 1900 the value of her school buildings was \$1,000,000. Today it is \$48,000,000. In three years she has spent \$75,000,000 on concrete and macadam roads, to connect the county seats of her 100 counties. Her wealth has been multiplied by ten in twenty years. In 1900 her bank deposits were \$15,000,000. By 1924 she had risen to \$345,000,000. She has practically no immigration. Her fortunes have been piled up by the brains and sinews of a native stock not afraid to work. So she has become one of the richest per capita states in the Union. Her death rate is the lowest in the country."

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What I Think About 1925

With America having possession of more than one-half of the entire World's gold supply, with the World War problems substantially all readjusted, with Labor all employed at useful work at profitable wages; with the products of the farm at least commanding reasonably good prices, with interest on our foreign debts at least being partially paid; with our taxes diminishing; with the cost of Government gradually decreasing from the World War period; with tremendous orders heretofore held in abeyance now being released by retailers and distributors; with pessimism dead; with optimism alive and vibrant, 1925 is going to be the greatest year for business in the history of America.



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A CHRISTMAS SONG

James Monroe Downum, Boone, N. C.
What wondrous light appears,
The glory shines afar,
The angel bands come forth
Through Heaven's gates ajar.

Shepherds watching their flocks
Beyond the glorious light
The shining one draws near
To announce the Holy Night!

Behold the pure Christ Child,
Is in the manger laid,
The holy song goes forth
Ere heavenly glories fade!

The shepherds humbly bow
Before the Holy Child,
And worship Him, alone,
So gentle, pure and mild.

The wise men from the East
Behold the wondrous star,
Follow the welcome light,
Throwing its rays afar.

All nations see the light:
Shine in His Holy Face,
And promise gives to all,
To every land and race.

All see it in the little child
Reflected from the Christ child's face
Throwing its radiant beams afar
From Heaven's high and holy place.

**ASHE COUNTY LADY
IS FATALLY BURNED**

Mrs. J. E. Foster's Clothes Become Ignited as She Was Kindling the Fire in Grate.

Mrs. J. E. Foster, whose home is near Jefferson on the North Wilkesboro highway sustained fatal injury Thursday when her clothing caught while she was kindling a fire in the fireplace at her home. Mrs. Foster died Friday night.

Mrs. Foster was the widow of Major J. E. Foster of Jefferson and one of the most highly respected women of this section. She was prominent in church and philanthropic work, having donated the site for the Presbyterian manse recently erected here, and having been a large contributor to the construction of the Presbyterian church in Jefferson.



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**NEWS FROM THE
COVE CREEK SECTION**

The Cove Creek High School will close Friday afternoon December 19 for the holidays and open for the spring term on Monday morning January 5.

Midterm examinations are on this week beginning Wednesday morning and lasting through Friday. The school will not give any kind of play or Christmas tree this year.

Several people of the community have been attending the series of meetings just closed at Valle Crucis.

The boys basket ball team of the Training school won a closely contested game over the Cove Creek team in Boone last Friday night. The final score was 22-15. Quite a number of the Cove Creek students attended the game.

Mrs. Lee Mast and Mrs. James R. Mast were visitors at chapel one day last week.

The many friends of Don J. Horton are glad to know that he is improving. He was taken to a hospital in Johnson City for an operation but it was found to be unnecessary.

Miss Hattie Mast, who has been visiting at the home of her brother Mr. John H. Mast for several weeks has returned to her home in Maryland.

Prof. J. D. Rankin preached strong sermons at Henson's chapel on Sunday morning and at Mabel Sunday afternoon, supplying for the pastor Rev. R. A. Taylor who was conducting a revival at Valle Crucis.

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