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THE NEW NORTH CAROLINA

New York Times. The story of the new North Caroline as told by French Strother in The World's work draws the imag mation 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 Pani lice sound and the Atlantic Ocean on the east and the towering Appa lachian range in the west, so that i 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 Sum mer heats can always be escaped by bieneg to the mountain forests where the Winters are mild and short and where the soil yields of its abundance and the sea and its iagoons 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 The wise men from the East to mountains and where were pov- Behold the wendrous star, erry and privation not many years ago are now pienty and luxury. In Throwing its rays afar. brief North Carolina has risen from the runs of a Civil War to an al- Al! nations see the light most incredible prosperity. Her peo-ple 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 plowbey on the rea clay farm his family of no consequence. His first passion when he grew to man

Mr. Strother speaks of Ayonk as 'perhaps the greatest origin North Carolina has produced, as one of its sweetest spirits and bravemen." 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 Pergotten Man" was read and is treasured by thousands of North Carolinians. Well known also book "the Rebuilding of Old Commonwealths." Such cultivation of natures 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 isola ted mountaineers. The poor white as a type has vanished.

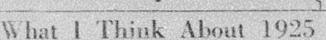
band was schools. He desped dead

in the middle of a sentence is a famous speech on Universal Education

"The further North Carolina goe 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. three years she has spent \$76,000 .-000 or concrete and macadam roads. to connect the county seals of her 100 counties. Her wealth has been multiplied by ten in twenty years In 1900 her bank deposits were \$16,-000,000. By 192% 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

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

Shepherds watching their flocks Benchi the glorious light The shiring one draws near

Behold the pure Christ Child, Is in the manger last 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

Follow the welcome light,

And promise give To every land and race All see it in the little child Reflected from the Christ childs 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

Mrs. J. E. Foster, whose home is near Jefferson on the North Wilkesore 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 Maor J. E. Foster of Jefferson and one of the most highly respected women of this section. She was prominent n church and philanthropic work. having donated the site for the Pres byterian mause recently erected here and having been a large contributor to the construction of the Presbyter ian church in defferson



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NEWS FROM THE COVE CREEK SECTION

The Cove Creek High School will lose Friday afternoon December 19 for the holidays and open for the spring term on Monday morning Jan

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 Boons last Friday night. The final score was 22-15. Quite a number of the Cove Creek students at-

tended the game. Mrs. Lee Mast and Mrs. James R. Most 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. Must for several weeks has returned to her home in Mary-

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

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