

**THE NEW NORTH CAROLINA.**

(Editorial from The 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 Pamlico 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 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 the 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 12 years ago. He had been a "plowboy" on a 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 can not 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 in his book, "The Rebuilding of Old Commonwealths." Such cultivators of natural resources as the Dukes contributed powerfully to the progress of the state. The road builders brought the people of the highlands and the plains into such intimate touch that no farmer now lives far from a metal 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 she 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 3 years she has spent \$76,000,000 on concrete and macadam roads to connect the seats of her 100 counties. Her wealth has been multiplied by 10 in 20 years. In 1900 her bank deposits were \$16,000,000. By 1923 they 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 that is not afraid of work. So she has become one of the richest per capita states in the union. Her death rate is "the lowest in the country."

**HISTORY OF SOFT DRINKS.**

There is an interesting story about how the first soft drinks happened to be made. Back in the days of the American Revolution a man named Townsend Speakman was running a little drug store in Philadelphia. He supplied medicine for Washington's army, and was pretty well known. One day a doctor asked him to fill a prescription of carbonated water. Speakman succeeded in compounding the concoction. The doctor's patient liked the new water. Soon one patient after another passed the word around and, before long, Speakman had lots of calls for the new medicine water.

But Speakman was a keen business man and conceived the idea of flavoring the medicine water with fruit juices to increase its popularity. The plan worked. Its popularity spread like wildfire. That was the beginning of the carbonated drink business.

The soft drink business has been growing ever since. Last year, for example, the people in the United States consumed 8,000,000,000 bottles of non-alcoholic beverages, an average of 75 bottles for every man, woman and child. — Progressive Grocer.

**Why She Shot Him.**

She had just returned from the barber shop, where she had exchanged her heavy tresses for a shingle.

"I simply could not stand the weight of all that hair on my head another day," she explained to her angry husband.

"I always thought your head was weak," was his only comment. — Cincinnati Enquirer.

**MEN'S FINANCES.**

For the purpose of indicating the average of man's successive status in life, the American Bankers' Association made an extensive investigation. One hundred normal men were selected, and their financial conditions at intervals of ten years were tabulated, commencing with the age of twenty-five years with the following results:

Age 25 — One hundred average men, healthy and vigorous of mind and body and dependent upon their own exertions for their support.

"Age 35—Five have died; ten have become wealthy; ten are in good circumstances; forty are in moderate circumstances; thirty-five have not improved their condition.

"Age 45—Eleven more have died—sixteen in all; three only are wealthy, all of the others rated at age 35 as having resources have lost their accumulations; sixty-five are still working and are self-supporting, but without other resources; fifteen are no longer self-supporting, owing to illness, accident, etc., a few still earning something, but not enough for self-support.

"Age 55 — Four more have died—20 in all. One has become very rich; three are in good circumstances, but not the same three noted at the age of 45 for one who was wealthy at 45 has lost everything, and another not noted at 45 has taken his place; 46 are still working for a living without any accumulation; 30 are now more or less dependent upon their children, their relatives or upon charity for support.

"Age 65 — Sixteen more have died, making thirty-six in all out of one hundred; one is still rich, four are wealthy, one of those who lost everything has again become wealthy; six still at work, self-supporting; fifty-four are dependent upon children, relatives or charity.

"Age 75—Twenty-seven more have died, making sixty-three in all, sixty of whom left no estate; two only are wealthy; three who were rated as wealthy at 65 have lost their accumulations; thirty-five are dependent upon children, relatives or charity."

The above is interesting as showing what the average man does, or rather does not do, in a financial way. Few men leave estates.

**No Wonder They're High.**

"But isn't that an awfully high price? — Why are apples so expensive?"

"Well, Ma'am, I might say — for entomological, meteorological and — ah—sociological reasons. In other words — the Tent-Caterpillar, the Drought and the Eighteenth Amendment." — Life.

**THE CALIFORNIA JUDGE AND DR. PEACOCK.**

On the meager information available it appears to have amounted to this: the state of North Carolina was unable to show to the California court before which Dr. J. W. Peacock was taken on habeas corpus proceedings that Peacock immediately prior to his flight from this state was in the custody of the state as a convict.

Dr. Peacock had been tried for murder. Medical testimony was to the effect that the accused had been at the time of the act with which he was charged, and the commission of which was not denied, a paranoiac, and that paranoiac is, under legal definition, insanity. It was further testified that the condition is regarded by the medical profession as incurable, its manifestations such as to render the paranoiac a constant source of danger to the persons with whom he comes in contact.

North Carolina had the anomaly of a department in its state prison for the "criminal insane." This is a contradiction in terms, and the California court recognizes it as such. One may be a criminal, and may become insane; but one who is insane cannot, unless he first recovers his sanity, become a criminal — we are dealing in terms of legal definition, and without reference to any twilight zone cases where insanity or sanity, responsibility or irresponsibility, is a matter of opinion. And legally there was no ground for controversy at all as to the status of Dr. Peacock. He was declared by the court to be not guilty of crime because of insanity, and therefore could not by any sort of logic be incarcerated as a criminal, no matter what name might be applied to the place of his detention as insane and dangerous. And not being a criminal or in the custody of the superintendent of a prison, as such, he could not escape from one; and if he could not escape he could not conspire to escape.

The legal fiction of "criminal insane" has served a practical purpose in North Carolina. The juror, troubled by his oath to give the accused the benefit of reasonable doubt, reluctant to run the risk of dreams in which an innocent man would rise to reproach him for an unmerited doom, and yet adjured to protect society, found in the prospect of the commitment of the accused to an asylum for the insane a compromise course. Alienist opinion may be, and generally is, contradictory; and legal definition may clash with medical. The "criminal insane" idea assures to the juror that he is not turning a

murderer loose, on the one hand, and that he is not executing or branding as a criminal one who, by reason of disease, is irresponsible, on the other.

That is exactly the way the law is not, in theory, designed to work; and exactly the way, in practice, it does often work — by compromises. By compromise, a man gets a prison term when he is actually guilty of a

capital crime; by compromise, in the very next case in the same court, an innocent man may get a prison term when the evidence was pretty strong against a reasonable doubt that he is guilty of a capital crime. — Greensboro News.

If we aren't making men better, we are at least making them more comfortable.

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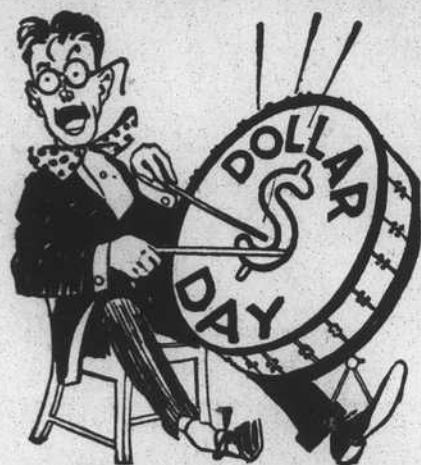
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