

Portly, popular and prosperous merchant is an alliteration we find in the Goldsbou Argus.

James G. Blaine is, with his family, in Aiken, S. C. He went there unheralded by the press and put himself down in a very quiet way.

The Wilmington Star, daily, was nineteen and one half years old on Tuesday morning last. While it is neither a London Times nor a New York Herald—nor any other great big paper—it is one of the very best in North Carolina.

The truck farms are down in the mouth. The continued cold weather has caused great damage to most of their crops.

What a pity! They were having such a good time, and so early in the season, too. Say to them, oh! Star, Nel desperandem.

We copy the following from the Wilmington Star:

The Boston Post calls attention to the abuse of the word "claim." The verb claim means to ask for, to demand. It is used in a dozen ways.

"In a Connecticut law report, published in 1814, the following passage occurs in an opinion of one of the learned judges:

"This is the naked question arising from the attempt of an heir to establish a title in an ancestor by producing a certified copy of a deed * * without any claim that the original has been lost by time or accident."

"Daniel Webster, in his copy of the book (now owned by a lawyer in this city), underlined the word claim, and wrote against it in the margin with pen and ink the following comment: 'The word claim means everything in the law language of Connecticut. Here a man 'claims' that he has lost a deed.'"

A great many words in the English language are misused, even by the best of scholars. Many years ago the New York Daily Tribune editor had posted in the composing room fourteen words which he instructed the compositors not to use, but when they occurred in select copy to substitute other words of similar and proper meaning.

Some time ago the Newfoundland Government passed a law forbidding the sale of bait to foreign fishing vessels most of which in those waters are under the flag of France.

It may not be amiss to say that France owns the little island of St. Pierre, way up in the northern regions,

over which she stands guard, and from whence her fishing and war vessels issue for the fishing grounds.

Erratic Nature.

A correspondent of the Biddeford Journal tells of a remarkable natural curiosity displayed on the wood lot of Alonzo Roberts, near Goodwin's Mills. It appears that some forty years ago a pine was cut for a fence rail, when it was found to be united to another tree standing by it about 20 feet from the ground.

There is precisely such a case as this on the plantation of the late James B. Gibson, except that instead of pine the trees are black gum. A man was sent out in the woods during the war to split boards. He cut off a black gum to make a glut. But after he cut it he found the limbs prevented the tree falling, and cut his glut from another tree, leaving the first suspended by the interlaced branches.

We copy the above from the Salisbury Watchman. Whether Mr. Gibson lives near Salisbury, or whether the last paragraph is copied by the Watchman we know not.

We once saw a tree of good size growing in the woods, with a limb grown into it, forming a bow. The limb had been forced up against the stem and in course of time adhered to it and looked as though it had grown into the tree.

LISTEN TO THE TRUTH.

The following few lines are cut from that live paper, the Progressive Farmer. There is a heap of truth in them; truth in a nutshell:

To improve your farm you must have manure, to have manure you must have stock, to have stock you must have the grasses.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics.

RALEIGH, N. C., Mar. 18, '87.—At the recent session of the Legislature an act was passed creating a bureau of labor statistics for North Carolina. The purpose of the bureau as defined in the act is as follows:

The said commissioner shall collect information upon the subject of labor, its relation to capital, the hours of labor, the earnings of laboring men and women, their educational, moral and financial condition and the best means of promoting their mental, material, social and moral prosperity. * * * The commissioner shall annually publish a report in pamphlet form and send or cause to be sent a copy of the same to every newspaper published in this State, a copy to each member of the General Assembly of North Carolina, a copy to each of the several State and county officers of the State, a copy to any citizen who shall apply for it either personally or by mail, and one hundred to each of the several labor organizations which may be in existence at the time of the publication of the report in this State.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the purpose of the leg-

islature in establishing the bureau was to place before the people of our State as far as the same can be done, the moral, educational, and financial condition of the working people of North Carolina. To do this a great amount of information must be gathered from many sources. A large part of this information must be collected by correspondence. Following the plan adopted by other State bureaus, blanks have been prepared, with questions, which, if answered, will elicit the information desired to be obtained by the act creating the bureau.

W. N. JONES, Com. Bureau Labor Statistics

How it Helps.

A prominent citizen of Alamance county said to us: "I can go among the farmers of my county and borrow \$50,000 at six per cent." "How do you account for this financial strength?" we inquired. "It is largely owing," said he, "to the fact that we have several large cotton factories, giving employment to thousands who must be fed and furnish markets for everything almost that our farmers have to sell. You would be surprised to visit any one of these factories and see the great variety of things brought there by the farmers to sell. They sell everything, and hence they produce everything and get the cash for it."

Here is a lesson for the poor, for the farmer, for the manufacturer, for the capitalist, for the merchant, for the political economist and the statesman. Diversified industries is the true and substantial basis of healthful and permanent prosperity. When will our people, our politicians, our capitalists and legislators realize this all important truth?—Progressive Farmer.

The use of the gall of rattlesnakes is warmly urged by M. Koscicky, of Austria, as an antidote for snake bites. M. Koscicky, who became acquainted with the antidote in Venezuela, declares it to be both inexpensive and effective, as well as instantaneous in its operation, crows and dogs in the last stage of the poison recovering immediately on the remedy being administered to them.

Mrs. Sarah Bland, of Worthington, Ind., claims to be the oldest person in the State. She was born in Virginia in 1782, has borne eleven children, ten of whom are living, and according to the Worthington Times, has never been sick enough to call a physician.

THE PRINTER.—If the manuscripts of speeches, sermons, law arguments, scientific or professional papers were printed as they come to the printer's hands, seven of ten great reputations would be wrecked, the educators of the grammar schools, the educators of the land, not excepted. There is something in the process of the handling of types, of reading copy, of correcting proofs, that begets an aptitude that no other instruction can give. The mind is so trained that it detects errors in style, expression, and rhythm in composition, as the trained ear discovers discords in music. The printer is, after all, the real protector of literary reputation.—R. T. Van Horn.

Mr. Henry Allaway, a correspondent of the New York Times who recently visited the principal manufacturing and commercial centres of the South, sums up the Southern situation as follows:—What the whole South needs is a broad gauge immigration bureau. This will do more towards doubling the population than all the syndicate schemes. The basis of growth is here and nothing short of a miracle can halt it.

Constipation

Is a universal and most troublesome disorder. It causes Headache, Mental Depression, impairs the Sight and Hearing, destroys the Appetite, and, when long continued, causes Enlargement of the Liver, Inflammation of the Bowels, and Piles. Constipation is speedily cured by Ayer's Pills.

For a number of months I was troubled with Costiveness, in consequence of which I suffered from Loss of Appetite, Dyspepsia, and a disordered liver. My eyes also troubled me. I was compelled to wear a shade over them, and, at times, was unable to bear exposure to the light. I was entirely

CURED BY USING

three boxes of Ayer's Pills. I have no hesitation in pronouncing this medicine to be the best cathartic ever made.—James Eccles, Poland, Ohio.

I suffered from Constipation, and, consequently, from Headache, Indigestion, and Piles, for years. Ayer's Pills, which I took at the suggestion of a friend, have given me effectual relief. I commenced taking this remedy two months ago, and am now free from Constipation, the removal of which has caused my other troubles to disappear, and greatly improved my general health.—W. Keeler, Amherst, Mass.

I suffered from Constipation, which assumed such an obstinate form that I feared it would cause a stoppage of the bowels. Two boxes of Ayer's Pills cured me, completely.—D. Burke, Saco, Me.

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As a remedy for Whooping Cough, with which many of our children were afflicted, we used, during the past winter, with much satisfaction, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. For this affection, we consider this preparation the most efficacious of all the medicines which have come to our knowledge.—Mary Parkhurst, Freeport, Maine.

My children have been peculiarly subject to attacks of Croup, and I failed to find any effective remedy until I commenced administering Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. This preparation relieves the difficulty of breathing and invariably cures the complaint.—David G. Starks, Clatham, Columbia Co., N. Y.

I have used Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in my family for many years, and have found it especially valuable in Whooping Cough. This medicine allays all irritation, prevents inflammation from extending to the lungs, and quickly subdues any tendency to Lung Complaint.—J. B. Wellington, Plainville, Mich.

I find no medicine so effective for Croup and Whooping Cough, as Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. It was the means of saving the life of my little boy, only six months old, carrying him safely through the worst case of Whooping Cough I ever saw.—Jane Malone, Piney Flats, Tenn.

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