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We discovered at the Convention the important fact that every one of the ninety-six counties of North Carolina is better than all the rest.

We are glad that election is over. Not that we think the country gained anything very valuable in the new men who took office, or suffered any serious loss in the going out of those who had been in, but we feel that now the people can settle down to more important business than political squabbling. We are not indifferent to the interests of good government, nor to the vital importance of a free ballot. We sympathize with every effort of the people to procure better service in public offices, but we do not find ourselves much in sympathy with the present political methods. We cannot bid God speed to the party ship that sets sail on a sea of whiskey, whose canvas is filled with the breath of slander and abuse, whose cargo consists of broken promises and dead issues. Once, years and years ago, when we were young and tender and green we believed in one of the two great parties. Now we would be glad to see them both laid tenderly away in their rotten cerements to moulder into wholesome dust.

It is gratifying to note that during the cold weather of last week the temperature of North Carolina was higher than that of any State south of us with the exception of Florida. This is a "mighty" big State, but when people North find out what a lovely climate we have here it won't be big enough to contain the new settlers.

HOW THEY RESTED.

Sunday morning the party of Northern editors and others who had spent Saturday in viewing the beautiful city of Charlotte arrived here. They consisted of Messrs. J. Clark Stuart and L. Clark Harris, of Shippensburg, Pa.; B. S. Phelps, of Pottersville, N. Y. and journalists L. A. Dodge, of

the Boston Transcript, J. B. Doyle, of the Herald, Steubenville, O., F. C. McKee, of the Review, Towanda, Pa., and Dr. J. C. Densten, of the Independent, Woodbury, N. J.

They were taken to the Prospect House, where they were met by Col. B. S. Pardee, of the New Haven Palladium, who arrived in town on Friday and by C. C. Couillard, of the Boston Herald, who with F. W. Clark, General Freight and Passenger Agent, Seaboard Air Line, R. B. Raney, of the Yarboro House, Raleigh, and F. B. Dancy, Assistant Chemist, State Agricultural Department had reached here the night previous.

They came here to rest, and as soon as breakfast was over proceeded to realize this object in vigorous fashion, by rambling all over the place, gathering wild flowers, collecting mementoes and in general "taking in" Southern Pines. The Boston men were delighted to find here Mr. Joel M. Holden, a prominent business man of the same city, who is so charmed with the place that he will make it his home a good portion of the year.

After a day of rather active resting, these gentlemen together with Mr. A. M. Clarke, of Delta, Pa., another new resident, met in the parlor of the Prospect House and gave expression to their opinion of Southern Pines in the following letter:

Southern Pines, N. C., Nov. 1st, '86.
To F. W. CLARK, G. P. Agt,
Seaboard Air-Line Railroad Co.

Dear Sir:—

The undersigned, citizens of several states, now guests at Prospect Hotel, Southern Pines, desire to express our great obligations to you for the many courtesies you have extended us during the past week, and especially for your thoughtfulness in bringing us to this delightful resting place. We have found Southern Pines an attractive and desirable resort for invalids, tourists and pleasure seekers, and we desire to express our united opinions as to the present condition and future prospects of this place.

We find here a rolling country, mainly covered with trees of long leaf pine. The soil is a pure sand, which insures a dry atmosphere. The water is free from all impurities and is remarkably cool and soft. The breeze sweeping across these hills is fragrant with the balsamic odor of the pine. In every direction are firm roads winding for miles through the woods that, because of the peculiar nature of the soil, will always be in good condition for riding or driving.

We find here one of the most cozy hotels—the Prospect House—it has ever been our good fortune to encounter. In all respects it is a model. The table is provided with every delicacy and the service is all that could be de-

sired. It is just the place for invalids and for all who wish a comfortable home.

We find here a community of refined and educated people who came to make a temporary stay because of the healthfulness of the place, and have received such benefits from it and have found a residence here so delightful that they have become permanent inhabitants.

We believe that when sportsmen learn of the abundance of quail, wild turkeys, foxes and deer they will resort to this place in great numbers every winter.

The mildness of the climate is exemplified by the wild and garden flowers now in bloom. Some of us have gathered to-day the following garden flowers: Ageratums, Chrysanthemums, Carnations, Balsams, Geraniums, Verbenas, Petunias, Pinks, Snap Dragons, Morning Glories, Drummond Phlox, Roses (two kinds).

From information gathered from native and northern-born citizens of this vicinity, we are convinced that there is no better place South for the cultivation of vegetables, small fruits, grapes and peaches for the Northern markets and, as Southern Pines is but 22 hours by rail from New York city, it has the advantage over other localities at greater distance. While the season here is fully as early as that of the coast there is this additional advantage at Southern Pines, that there is no danger of frost destroying the earlier crops.

We can conceive of but one thing requisite to the rapid popularizing of Southern Pines as a health and pleasure resort for Northern visitors, and that is that the enterprising railroad system with which you are officially connected shall so arrange its schedule that passengers may reach this place in the day-time, without changing cars on the road.

Very respectfully yours,

LEWIS A. DODGE, Boston.
J. B. DOYLE, Steubenville, O.
J. M. HOLDEN, Boston.
J. C. STUART, Shippensburg, Pa.
B. S. PHELPS, Pottersville, N. Y.
S. C. HARRIS, Shippensburg, Pa.
C. C. COUILLARD, Boston.
A. M. CLARKE, Delta, Pa.
B. S. PARDEE, New Haven, Ct.
J. C. DENSTEN, Woodbury, N. J.

GOOD DOCTRINE.

Mr. Tillman, the leader of the farmers' movement in South Carolina, is reported as saying in a public speech: "I am opposed to the white people of the State paying any more of their hard-earned dollars to educate negroes. When you educate a negro you educate a candidate for the penitentiary and spoil a good field hand. But if by his own exertions a negro can acquire an education let him do so." This, without doubt, expresses the view of a large number of voters on the question of educating the negro

race. But it is founded on the fundamental error that education does not improve a man morally. Why should not the State require that sound morality should be taught in the public schools? Why should not a teacher be required to teach his pupils that it is wrong to murder, to steal, to commit adultery, to bear false witness or to violate the laws of the land? And who will undertake to say that such teaching is not calculated to elevate and improve any branch of the human family? The education of the head is good as far as far as it goes, but the education of the moral nature combined with that of the head is better. It will pay the State to secure such an education to the children.—Hickory Press.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 1, '86
The following is President Cleveland's proclamation designating November 25th as a day of thanksgiving and prayer:

"A proclamation by the President of the United States:—It has long been the custom of the people of the United States on a day in each year, especially set apart for that purpose by their chief executive, to acknowledge the goodness and mercy of God and to invoke his continued care and protection. In observance of such custom, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the 25th day of November, to be observed and kept as a day of thanksgiving and prayer. On that day let all of our people forego their accustomed employments and assemble in their usual places of worship to give thanks to the Ruler of the universe for our continued enjoyment of the blessings of a free government, for a renewal of business prosperity throughout our land, for the return which has rewarded the labor of those who till the soil and for our progress as a people in all that makes a nation great; and while we contemplate the infinite power of God in earthquake, flood and storm, let the grateful hearts of those who have been shielded from harm through His mercy be turned in sympathy and kindness toward those who have suffered through His visitation.

Let us also in the midst of our thanksgiving remember the poor and needy with cheerful gifts and alms, so that our service may, by deeds of charity, be made acceptable in the sight of the Lord.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington, this first day of November, in the year of our Lord 1886, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eleventh.

GROVER CLEVELAND.
By the President.
T. F. BAYARD, Sec'y of State.