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The Blair bill, if passed, will give North Carolina more than \$5,000,000 for education.

Metalic arsenic, found in Surry county, adds one more to the long list of metals native to this State.

There is an opinion current that the homestead law is largely responsible for the high rate of interest in North Carolina.

North Carolina was the first State in the Union to have a Geologist of her own. Her weather observing service is ahead of any other.

We hope the Legislature will act liberally and wisely in the matter of a State Normal School. Trained teachers, progressive, enterprising, up with the times are needed, especially in districts remote from the large centres of population. A Normal School properly managed would do much to improve the teaching service throughout the State. It is to be hoped that we might then see the last of Webster's Spelling book in any school in all our ninety-six counties.

## AN OPEN LETTER.

[It is not usually worth while to notice anonymous articles of a slanderous nature. If a man has anything honest to say he is generally willing to sign his name to it. But sometimes it is difficult to resist the temptation to hurl a few chunks of solid fact at the anonymous reptile. There has recently appeared, in a paper known as the *Progressive Farmer*, a series of letters from the pen of some one who styles himself "STRAIGHTOUT" instead of, more appropriately, "SNAKE-IN-THE-GRASS" or "LONG-MAN-WHO-STABS-IN-THE-BACK". As the editor of the paper in which these communications appear makes no demur against their sentiment, we suppose it to be in harmony with his own. The following open letter (replying to one of these communications) is, therefore, addressed to him.—ED.]

Southern Pines, Moore Co. N. C. }  
January, 24, 1887. }

COL. L. L. POLK,  
Editor *Progressive Farmer*,

DEAR SIR:—In your paper of the 19th we have seen a communication purporting to come from a correspondent at "Blue's Gulley", in which disparaging remarks are made about Southern Pines, and it is broadly intimated that we, who have come to this State from the North and have made our homes here, are unwelcome additions to the population of the State. It is also insinuated that this is a worthless country and that the found-

ers of Southern Pines were frauds and humbugs. As the sanitary value of Shaw's Ridge (on which Southern Pines is located), was discovered and made public by the late Professor Kerr, through whose letters some of our citizens were originally induced to come here, we let the insinuation pass. As to its being a worthless country, that depends, upon the standard you employ in judging of it. We, some citizens of, and others visitors at Southern Pines, are delighted with the place, for we have found that every claim made for it as a health restoring and rest giving resort has been justified.

We ask you in justice to your reputation as a Progressive Editor, in justice to the good native born people of Manly who founded this enterprise and who have been uniformly kind and friendly to us who came here as strangers, to publish the facts about Southern Pines which we attest by our signatures.

Within one year there have been built here (including two dwellings still in the carpenters' hands) sixteen residences and two hotels. These with their out-buildings, fences and other improvements have cost \$25,800. Other residences will be built this year by some of our lot owners. Our resident white population is now nineteen families, numbering sixty four. We have also a school for our children under the direction of a teacher of long and successful experience, a weekly newspaper, the PINE KNOT, telegraph and mail facilities and every advantage for healthful and rapid growth. In spite of the statement that our soil is only fit to bury dead Yankees in, numbers of our citizens are successfully growing sweet potatoes, grapes and small fruits, and we have no hesitation in saying that the soil of this section, though not rich, is capable of producing very fair crops under intelligent treatment. As to the health of the country it is entirely unnecessary to say anything. Most of us at Southern Pines are living witnesses to its health restoring qualities.

We know whereof we speak and no man whether he styles himself a Progressive Farmer or an unprogressive stumbling block can persuade us to the contrary.

A. M. Clarke,	formerly of Penn'a.
B. A. Goodridge,	" Mass.
J. T. Wilson,	" Vermont.
Joel M. Holden,	" Mass.
Wm. R. Raymond,	" New York.
P. Pond,	" New York.
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Lucius A. Young,	" N. H.
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C. J. Eaglesfield,	" Minn.
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J. B. Williams,	" England.
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Eber Cleaver,	" N. Y.
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DUTY ON ARTICLES OF LUXURY:

Ottar of roses, free.  
Neroli, orange flower oil, free.  
Diamonds, 10 per cent.  
Raw silk, free.  
Jewelry, 26 per cent.  
Gold studs, 25 per cent.  
Finest still wines, in bottles, 29 per cent.

Finest thread lace, 30 per cent.  
Fine Aubusson and Axminster carpets, costing abroad \$2.77 a yard, 46 per cent.

Finest India shawls, costing abroad say \$20 a pound weight, 35 cents a pound and 40 per cent. ad valorem, or say 46½ per cent.

Silk stockings, 50 per cent.  
Finest broadcloth, costing \$5 a pound abroad, 35 cents a pound and 40 per cent., equal to about 41 per cent.

Pate de foie gras, 25 per cent.  
Musical instruments of all kinds, 25 per cent.

Duty on a quart bottle of champagne, costing abroad \$1 a bottle, 58 cents.

Curry and curry powder, free.  
Olives, green or prepared, free.  
Spices of all kinds, free.

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Castor oil, 180 per cent.  
Linseed oil, 62 per cent.  
Common window glass, 87 per cent.  
Raw wool, 35 per cent.  
Steel rails, 85 per cent.  
Horseshoe nails, 119 per cent.  
Cheapest mixed woollen goods, costing abroad 24 cents per yard, 77 per cent.

Spool thread, 51 per cent.  
Common druggets, costing abroad 26 cents a yard, 86 per cent.

Common woollen shawls, costing abroad 68 cents a pound, 85 per cent.  
Common worsted stockings, costing 25 cents a pound abroad, 73 per cent.  
Common cloth costing 65 cents a pound abroad, duty 135 cents a pound and 35 per cent. ad valorem, equal to 89 per cent.

Rice, 106 per cent.  
Galvanized wire smaller than No. 16 and not smaller than No. 26 wire gauge, 132 per cent.; smaller than No. 26, 155 per cent.

Duty on a dollar's worth of bleached cotton fabric, costing abroad 5½ cents a square yard 66½ cents.

Potatoes, 15 cents duty per bushel.  
Corn starch, 85½ per cent. duty.  
Salt, 85 per cent. duty.

A prominent citizen, and one who is generally acquainted with doings in the city, said yesterday that every brick that could be made in the many yards around Raleigh between now and the early summer months was already bought, and that other building contracts must necessarily be made with provisos for completion during next fall unless the manufacturing capacity of bricks should be increased. Verily, Raleigh groweth apace.—*News and Observer.*