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It is a pity to have those forest fires for more reasons than one. Aside from the menace to property, there is great waste in sending off in smoke the vast quantities of vegetable matter that ought to decay and enrich the ground where it lies.

Climate is sometimes laughed at as a shadowy thing to boom upon, says an exchange, and adds: "but after all what is more enduring than climate, or what other factor has played a more important part in civilization?" In this section of North Carolina and throughout the entire State we think we may boast of a climate that is sufficient basis for all the "booming" that can be accomplished.

Speaking of climate, though, it is well to remember that it is largely within our power to make it delightful or the opposite. The planting of trees on western prairies has done much to mitigate the severities of a harsh sky. By destroying our protecting and health-bestowing forests we may make of North Carolina "a howling wilderness."

Farmers, Manufacturers, Miners and all others interested in the progress of the South are requested to read carefully the prospectus of the first Annual Inter-State Farmers' Summer Encampment, at Spartanburg, S. C. Be sure that your section is represented and well represented by displays that shall do justice to its resources and serve to attract new settlers and new capital. For information address Chas. H. Carlisle, secretary, Spartanburg, S. C.

Here at Southern Pines we are following the fashion of summer resorts in the North only in reverse order. At Mt. Desert and other resorts where a great deal of building is carried on, the work has to be done between seasons. In that cold region the building season is considerably longer than the season for visitors. Here the opposite is true. To be sure our building activity has never ceased since the start, but the months between now and October promise an unusual amount of enterprise in that direction.

The Charlotte *Observer* comments with great severity on an editorial writer in the *Atlanta Constitution* because the latter criticises a certain reformed-gambler-evangelist, who excites peals of laughter from his audience by alluding to clergymen with white neckties as "fine haired ducks"

and by making use of other equally serious and improving expressions.

The *Observer* is thoroughly wrong in defending any such buffoonery in the pulpit. We are sickened by these flash orators, peddlers of slang, lacking reverence for everything sacred, who go about bringing the cause of pure religion to shame. The religion that will not teach a man to be ashamed of slang and coarseness instead of glorying in it is not the genuine article.

A SUMMER BOOM.

BLUE WING, N. C., April 21, 1887.

From all appearances and from the most reliable information attainable, there is no doubt but what this locality will be the seat of another Southern boom during the coming summer. Within a radius of a few miles from this place are located (recently discovered) some of the richest deposits of copper yet found in the United States. A railroad is now in the course of construction from Clarksville, Va., to this place, and when that is completed there will be a better communication with the markets and facilities for the disposition of ores. Considerable of the distance has been already graded on this road and a large force are now at work pushing the enterprise to a final termination. No section of the South presents a brighter prospect than this. The high grade of copper ores of this district is a remarkable feature, the ores running from 25 to 60 per cent.—*R., in Manufacturers' Record.*

Yet as has been seen from the estimates made by this paper, we are paying at least \$10,000,000 annually in bounties to a few protected producers—eight times the amount necessary to open the doors of the public schools to every child in the Commonwealth, and between three and four times as much as the whole revenue of the State, \$2,773,000. Surely protection, by largely diminishing the power of the people to pay taxes to the State, greatly limits the usefulness of our public schools.—*Richmond (Va.) State.*

The Wake County Farmers, with the co-operation of the cattle club, will hold an institute in Raleigh, from Thursday, the 12th, in the afternoon, until Friday evening. Dr. Parker, of Randolph, is expected to take charge of this meeting. Capt. L. B. Alexander will read a paper on cattle, Mr. J. Van Lindley on fruit, Capt. B. P. Williamson on grasses, and Mr. Elias Carr, Dr. H. McN. McKay have been invited to give addresses. Major H. L. Grant is also expected to speak on under draining, Dr. Benbow on silos and ensilage, Mr. Jesse Taylor on the prevention of washing and Major Tucker on intensive manuring. All the farmers of Wake and all the other counties that can possibly get there ought to attend and participate in this profitable give-and-take of ideas.