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—Exchange.

Now, brethren, please don't! In the first place you'll make no end of a fuss in getting back these fees paid out so many years ago. In the next place we don't think you ought to have your money back, even though the tax has been declared 'unconstitutional. A state certainly deserves something for having a drummer let loose within its borders. Be thankful, then, that you get along as inexpensively as you do. If the people generally were not mild and forbearing you would have to furnish a brand new drummer for every trip.

Hot?

Well, yes, we think so. July generally is.

Any hotter in North Carolina than New York and Boston?

We say no.

"Oh, my!" comes from a large and incredulous chorus in the North.

Well, if you don't believe us, look in your geography and see what it says there.

"In New England the winters are long and cold and the summers are short and hot."

Even so. We have tried both latitudes the year 'round. It is rather tiresome to hear people who don't know anything about the conditions warning their friends not to go South in summer. We don't find them so terrified about a trip to Boston or New York in the hot season, and yet we suppose New York can show a hundred cases of sunstroke for every one in North Carolina or any other Southern State. And as regards the diseases peculiar to this season we believe that statistics will make the more favorable showing for the South.

So just hang up your theory about the unbearable summer climate of the South along side of that mental picture of the Southern fire-eater you have so long cherished. They are about equally correct and should be allowed to moulder away together.

And so Dr. McGlynn is excommunicated. We don't admire some of his theories, but do admire his grit. Excommunication, however, isn't the terrible thing it was once. The thunders of the Vatican roll but faintly, disturbing thoughtful people about as much as the baying of the heresy-hounds at Andover. A punning government official throws a side-light of humor over

the whole affair by asking: "Why is Dr. McGlynn like an erratic goose?", and replying: "Because he refuses to follow the proper gander", and the world, in general, is but little concerned at what might once have brought nations to the clash of arms.

### THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The full programme for the four days of this encampment, from Aug. 10th to 13th inclusive, has been nearly completed, but not quite. There will be some twenty addresses by specialists in various departments of agriculture and stock raising. These will be given Wednesday night and on Thursday and Friday.

Among the pleasures of the encampment will be a military parade, drill and rifle match; two tournaments open to all gallant knights, (but the winner of the first to be barred from competition at the second), to be followed by the coronation of the queens and a dance each night; range competition for a prize rifle, open to all; a tub race, also a rowing match with single pair sculls on the Catawba; a greased pig race, and various other amusing diversions.

For the convenience of those from a distance, who cannot find suitable accommodations at Mount Holly, the Carolina Central will run special trains to Charlotte every evening.

W. R. Williams, Esq., Master of the State Grange Patrons of Husbandry, has sent the following circular to the order:

Master's office, Falkland, N. C., June 30, 1887. To the Brethren and Sisters of the Grange of North Carolina, Greeting:

This is to inform you that the Grange Encampment and Farmers' Institute will be held at Mount Holly, in Gaston county on the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th of August, 1887. You and all of you, are earnestly requested to attend, (that can do so without inconvenience), and take with you such home and farm productions as may encourage and assist to make the Fair a success.

Capt. J. T. Patrick, of the State Board of Agriculture, will inform you of the necessary conditions and arrangements of the camp and the terms of transportation and travel. Many brethren from South Carolina are expected to be present. The Master is expecting to be at the opening, and hopes to see our noble Order largely represented.

Fraternally,

W. R. WILLIAMS,  
Master State Grange P. of H.

THEY NEED TEACHING.

Many ignorant and prejudiced persons not only deride what they call "college learning", but openly denounce our State University, and yet here is a Professor of the University telling the sturdy farmers of North Carolina how to save their crops! And the newspapers are gladly aiding the good work by giving publicity to this valuable information. But still some people are so smart (only in their own estimation) that they cannot be taught either by a college professor or by a newspaper.—Pittsboro Record.