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NOT A GOOD ARGUMENT.

It is never a good argument to call a man a liar; it may be dangerous. It is much better, in clear but courteous language to prove that the gentleman in question is a liar, without stating the fact in precise language. An editorial writer in the *Manufacturers' Record* probably had this idea in mind in a recent article entitled "Free Trade Mendacity." This sounds much better than "Free Trade Lying". Unfortunately, however, his arguments are so few that he is almost immediately obliged to resort to "giving the lie direct." He says:—"We do not mean directly or by implication to charge that all advocates of this un-American theory are liars. Many of them are gentlemen of unimpeachable integrity, who would scorn to tell or to connive at a lie". That is, these free-trade advocates are not all liars, but the majority of them are; many of them would not tell a lie; but most of them would. When we reflect that among these free trade advocates are numbered some of the best men and profoundest thinkers of this country, it makes us sad to think how rapidly we are going to the "demnition bow wows."

NOT SO BADLY BEATEN.

We reply to Mr. L. A. Dodge's communication, on another page, wherein he says "we have beaten you":—"Perhaps, friend Dodge, but then again, perhaps not." Considering that we have had no syndicate to purchase "800,000 acres of fertile prairie" or to bring to us fifty families at one time; no expenditure to any extent for advertising; no busy type writers (except what the PINE KNOT has written for the benefit of home seekers and invalids); no boom, "no nothing or anything else," as A. Ward put it, except personal effort by those who have settled here to induce their friends to do likewise,—considering all this, we say that it isn't certain that we are so badly beaten. We now have twenty-five cozy and attractive dwellings, two handsome hotels, four stores (two general merchandise, one fancy goods, one jewelry), a town hall, a fine school building, a printing office and weekly newspaper, a settled pastor and a well attended church and Sabbath school, the prettiest depot at any country station in the State, a planing mill, four or five saw mills, a boarding house, and so many carpenter shops that we don't think it worth while to count them. Wait a few weeks and we'll tell of a new church building and

a canning factory. We don't sit by a roaring coal fire "with coal \$2 a ton," but we do sit before a cheerful open fire of pitch pine knots, at \$0.00 per cord, and as for the roaring, we're inclined to do that ourselves because it is so mild and beautiful out of doors that any fire at all is rather too warm. There is no blizzard sweeping past the door, only a good natured breeze is trying to pull the leaves off of the oaks that surround our sanctum. It has poor success, however, for the leaves are about as plentiful as they were in midsummer, the only difference being one of color. To be sure we haven't fertile prairie land about us, but we have a soil that will produce luxuriantly if properly cared for, and so easily worked that a boy nine years old and a horse of nineteen make nothing of plowing it. Then, too, it is a soil that doesn't make rich, luxurious mud on the slightest provocation. The careful housewife need not fret about muddied floors, for the worst that can happen is a sprinkling of clean sand that, when swept up, leaves the floor in better condition than before.

We shall be glad to see you, brother Dodge, but as for "piling on the pine knots and heaping them high", please excuse us, we're not having that kind of weather down here. We'll do the best we can for you, however, and if you really insist on having a pine knot fire, we'll build one out of doors, and while we sit by it, under the genial blue sky, fanned by a gentle breeze, you shall tell us tales of the great North-West, for we were always fond of stories of Arctic adventure.

NORTH CAROLINA HAD BETTER FOLLOW SUIT.

A fund is being raised at Jacksonville, Fla., to be used in advertising the advantages of that State as a place of permanent residence. Gov. Perry has contributed \$100 to the fund, and gives the scheme his hearty indorsement.—*Exchange.*

PROHIBITION ADDRESSES.

Rev. W. T. Walker, of Greensboro, N. C. will speak on Prohibition as follows:—

At Winder, Thurs. Jan. 19, at 11 a. m.

" Keyser, " " " " 7 p. m.

" Carthage, Friday Jan. 20, " 11 a. m.

Carthage *Blade* please copy.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL AT WILMINGTON.

A meeting of citizens, to discuss ways and means for establishing an Industrial school in this city was held at the Produce Exchange on Tuesday, Jan. 10. Messrs. Oscar Pearsall and G. R. French were appointed a committee to prepare articles of association and take other steps toward the realization of this project.—*Wilmington Star.*