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The Sanford Express is out in a new dress, changed to a six column folio from its former four column quarto size. It has a brand new heading and is every way much improved over its old style. We wish the Express much prosperity for the coming year.

It has been announced that Mr. B. A. Goodridge, the present editor of the PINE KNOT is about to start a newspaper at Jonesboro. We are happy to state for the benefit of inquiring friends that, while this is true, it does not indicate any change in the editorship of the PINE KNOT. Its present editor will also be its future editor.

## HOW IT WORKS.

As we have remarked we dislike to call attention to our own modest worth, but circumstances sometimes require the laying aside of personal feeling, and that we should proclaim from the house top the notes of praise that come (from the post office) through the front door.

The following extracts from personal letters, received during the past week give some idea of how the PINE Knot is working upon the minds of our ice bound Northern friends.

FROM A BOSTON LADY IN S. C.

"We are gratified to hear that the little town (Southern Pines) is looking up and hope the people there put a proper estimate upon the help which the PINE KNOT is to the place. We think it has done and will do more than all the other helps combined."

FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE.

"My sister is boarding with me and by reading the PINE KNOT has become quite enthusiastic about your locality. I have almost thought for the past few days that 10° and 20° below zero was not the most desirable atmosphere in which to get a hasty breakfast and have had quite a Southern fever myself."

FROM BROOKLYN, N. Y.

"The PINE KNOT's description of the weather was rather fine I must confess though it hasn't been very cold here."

## VARIATIONS OF TEMPERATURE IN A DRY CLIMATE.

"To find a warm, dry climate, where civilized people can live and enjoy themselves, where hotels are good, is a problem not admitting of easy solution. Equability of temperature is not consistent with low humidity. One cannot have everything, and if dryness is essential, steady warmth must be abandoned."

The above is taken from an article by Dr. W. F. Hutchinson in the American Magazine and we commend it to those captious people who grumble because of the changes of temperature which they find here. We do not pre-

tend that we are not subject to considerable variations of temperature at all seasons of the year. We claim only that we have a high, perfectly drained location; pure water and air, not only free from noxious germs, but also laden with the healing exhalations of the long-leaf pine; and, taking the year through, more days of blue sky and bright sunshine than any place we were ever in. We have found some cold weather in winter, and some heat in summer, but neither are extreme, and, as Dr. Hutchinson has shown, such changes of temperature necessarily accompany a dry climate. These are sometimes disagreeable, but we prefer them to living in a moist climate which brings about equability of temperature by acting as a perpetual wet blanket which neither heat nor cold can penetrate.

## DESTRUCTION OF THE GREAT LUMBER RAFT.

The great timber raft, whose departure from Nova Scotia was chronicled by us December 24, has gone to pieces irreclaimably. On December 8 the structure left its port in tow of the steamship Miranda. The ingenious nature of the construction adopted became evident at an early period of the trip. The captain of the towing ship found that if he relaxed his pull upon the tow lines in a seaway, the logs would work loose. This was the precise feature the patentee and inventor had striven to secure. All went well until a position south and east of Nantucket was reached. Here a severe gale proved too much for the two cables and connections with which it was towed. First, a fifteen inch steel hawser broke, and shortly afterward its companion pulled away the bits to which it had been secured. The raft was now entirely disconnected from the steamer, and in five minutes was out of sight. This occurred on December 17. The Miranda immediately steered west and reached her destination in safety.

As great fears were entertained for incoming vessels, which might be sunk by colliding with the raft, the navy steamer Enterprise and the revenue cutter Grant set out to find the raft and warn vessels of its possible proximity. The Enterprise was successful in her quest, as she found the debris of the raft. It was completely broken up, and the logs were scattered over an immense area of water. Every day will drift them farther apart. It is believed that there is now no danger to navigation to be apprehended. Scientific American.

The berry of the China tree, which is so plentiful in this vicinity, is a preventive of the destruction of the young cabbage plants and collards by the cut worm in the spring. The method of using the berry is to insert one of them in the earth by the side of the plant, at the time of transplanting. The cut worm, which is such a pest to a vegetable garden, will not come near enough to the berry to reach the plant. This is the experience of one who has repeatedly tried it.—Charlotte Democrat.