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It is amusing to note what pains some of our contemporaries take to print it Mr. instead of ex-President R. B. Hayes. We don't believe it would trouble him much if they should put it mrrbhayes.

If, as Joseph Manley declares, 75,000 copies of President Cleveland's Tariff Message are to be circulated by the Republicans among Maine voters, for campaign documents, it is refreshing to know that these voters will have a chance to see something worth reading at least once before the contest is over. It will do them good and ought to make converts.

We would respectfully inquire what the authorities were about when Thos. W. Canaday, the notorious colored lawyer, who has swindled his own people out of thousands of dollars, gave an address in the courthouse at Oxford last week? According to the Oxford *Torchlight*, no attempt was made to arrest him, and he has again departed for regions unknown.

With terrible blizzards in the Northwest, and storms not much less terrible in New England and the Northern states, earthquakes in New Hampshire, Vermont and Canada, floods in China and awful famine in Turkey, we conclude that somewhere between the 35th and 36th parallels is about the right location for anyone who wants to enjoy life on this earth.

The *Manufacturers' Record*, in a recent editorial, commends the liberal policy of the Seaboard Air-Line railroad in the matter of encouraging immigration to North Carolina. This is well deserved, and President J. M. Robinson, Gen. Manager J. C. Winder and F. W. Clark, Freight and Passenger Agent, have set an example worthy to be followed by the officials of other systems.

The merchant who studies the wants of his customers is surest to succeed. There are too many stores (and not all small ones either) where the stock seems to have been selected with an eye single to the tastes and requirements of the proprietor, and where the would-be purchaser is bullied into buying what he doesn't want, instead of being served with what he asks for. This is bad policy and will be endured by the public only so long as no choice of purchasing places is given. When the knowing man comes along who makes his own tastes subordinate to those of his patrons, the trade goes to him.

WADESBORO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

Mr. J. T. Patrick was in Wadesboro this week, "working up" with indefatigable zeal, the Wadesboro Improvement Association, which as its name indicates, is an organization looking to the improvement of Wadesboro. The Association appears to have met with much favor from the beginning, very much more than most new propositions usually meet with in Wadesboro. Its membership includes many of Wadesboro's foremost business men. It is a good thing, and we endorse it unconditionally. We look for much material good to grow out of it.—*Wadesboro Intelligencer*.

LIFE IN DAKOTA.

A Newton lady who is at present living in Dakota sends an account of the recent blizzard there to a friend, from which the following extract is taken:—

January 16.

"I have been in Dakota some time and seen rough weather. We thought last winter bitter, but I never dreamed of such terrible weather as possible anywhere. In front and at the south side of our house are drifts 100 feet long, 20 feet or more wide, and at least 10 feet deep—so solid and firmly crusted that they will bear up a pung and horses. In one village they tied a rope from the towa pump to the school house, and then men went and brought the children home. We have to dig down into the top of our hay stack for hay. One day it was simply impossible to carry water from the house to the barn. It was so cold that boiling water froze as you poured it out before it touched the earth, and the weather was just terrific. A neighbor came this morning to borrow flour. He was completely snowed in. No light came in at the windows. When he started to dig his way out, the snow at the top of the door, where it was thinnest, was three feet through. The worst and most dangerous feature of the snow was the suddenness with which it began. We had been having a heavy blow from the south-east from Wednesday afternoon until 2 p. m. Thursday, when suddenly the wind died away and the sun came out brightly for nearly half an hour. The farmers went out to water their cattle, when suddenly, without warning, the blizzard veered to the north-west, and in five minutes a man was taking his life in his hand to go three rods. Yesterday was bright and sunny, but the sun shone upon a desolation of drifts, frozen cattle, and trackless snow. May the dear Lord pity all who are out of fuel—these blasts are using our coal nearly twice as fast as last winter.—*Newton (Mass.) Graphic*.

A citizen of Mt. Holly, who was in town yesterday, says that the Mt. Holly fair will be repeated this year, but upon a larger scale than ever. The fair grounds, covering ten acres, will be inclosed, and the lumber has already been ordered.—*Charlotte Chronicle*.

A bronze statue, in honor of Sergeant William Jasper, of revolutionary fame, was at Savannah, Ga., on the 22nd. Gov. Gordon delivered the oration at the laying of the corner stone.