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SOUTHERN PINES WEATHER.

In our issue of April 21st, we published a record of observations of the weather and thermometric readings from March 9th to April 16th inclusive. To-day we publish the record for the remainder of the month of April. It is not quite complete, as the readings of the thermometer were not taken for the 17th, 18th and 19th, but so far as our recollection serves the temperature did not vary materially from that of the days which immediately precede or follow. The morning of April 17th was partly cloudy and cool, afternoon clear and warm, the 18th was cloudy and warm with thunder showers in the evening and into the night, the 19th was partly clear. For the succeeding days the record was as follows:

April	7 a. m.	1 p. m.	7 p. m.	
20	50	60	50	clear.
21	50	70	55	"
22	60	75		"
23	60	72		"
24	42	60		"
25	38	62	60	"
26	37	70	60	"
27	58	83	70	"
28	60	86	75	"
29	65	90	80	"
30	64	90	80	"

It will be seen that there were twenty-six absolutely clear days out of thirty, two partly clear, one cloudy and one rainy. The best thing about the weather is that it is not at all remarkable for this latitude. It is not uncommon enough to excite surprise, or even attention except in those who are strangers here, and have been accustomed to a much inferior article in the way of weather, at home.

Southern Pines is in her glory now. Tall, dark-hued pines stand on guard about her, for contrast is the brilliant green of innumerable oaks, everywhere are bright-hued wild flowers,—violets, white and blue, phlox, blue lupine, azalea, gold thread, hoary pea, false indigo and many others. Along the streams the slender sweet bay tree loads the air with the perfume of its waxy white blossoms. Strawberries are ripe, peaches are as big as walnuts, roses are blooming and the mocking-bird is so mad with merriment that the day is not long enough for him to sing in and we hear him far into the night.

We have heard from Dodge! He didn't perish in a blizzard after all. The fact that he still lives we take to be proof positive that a man (if he's tough) can live through a winter in Dakota. We are glad, we are made

to shed tears of joy at the thought that our friend Dodge is still alive, and on the 13th of April was able to prance over the beautiful prairies of the Cannon Ball Valley. Dodge, you're a "spared monument," but don't tempt Providence. Don't stay there another winter. If you do, the climate will use you up so completely, that even the all healing air of Southern Pines can't restore you to health.

We were glad to receive your letter and to know that New England City is booming. It wasn't necessary to say so, however. We know that must be the case. A town in Dakota where people can live all winter ought to boom. Just let it be known that you didn't freeze last winter and you will have all the other inhabitants of Dakota rushing in to buy town lots. We'll think of you this summer, friend Dodge, as you swing your hammock to the gentle chinook that sweeps across the prairie to the tune of 115° in the shade.

A Unique Presentation.

Probably no advertisement is more familiar than that of the Atkinson House Furnishing Co., of Portland, Maine. Not long since the newspapers of that city united in presenting an elegant testimonial of their appreciation of Mr. I. C. Atkinson's liberality as an advertiser. It took the shape of a solid silver gold lined mug, with knife, fork and spoon, also of solid silver, which were presented to Mr. Atkinson's infant son, I. C. jr. Mr. Atkinson's acknowledgment is worth quoting and is given below.

Portland, Me., April 11, 1888.

To the Press of Portland:

GENTLEMEN.—I behalf of Isaac C. Atkinson jr., permit me to express my heartfelt thanks to you for the beautiful gift received this day, and trust the recipient will in future years be able to also show his appreciation to "The Press" by using their columns as one of the aids in climbing the ladder to commercial fame. The undersigned wishes also to here thank "The Press" and citizens of this city for the valuable aid rendered him in the past three years, toward making successful the great enterprise in which he is interested and also hopes that the same generous patronage and assistance will be given (if not too far to look ahead) to his future successor, Isaac C. jr., to whom he looks forward in later years as being one of Portland's prominent business men. With many thanks from Mrs. Atkinson and myself for your kind remembrance I am,
Sincerely yours,
ISAAC C. ATKINSON.

Over five thousand people attended the laying of the cornerstone of the N. C. Teachers' Assembly building, May 1st, at Morehead City.

Woman in the South.

The mother was the power in every household; indeed, it was literally her home, very often her property. A New England tourist expressed to the writer his surprise at a discovery he had made in the towns he had visited. Said he, "It is always Mrs. A.'s, Mrs. B.'s house. I am invited to Mrs. C.'s house; I never hear of the husband's house. I think I have found really the land of woman's rights after all; men have offices, stores and plantation, but the women have the homes." And the management of this home included every detail of domestic life, as the mistress looked well to the ways of her household; from breakfast the guests were dismissed to the library, drawing room or outdoor sports, while with her own hands she washed the best china and silver before she rejoined them. The necessities of children, the wants of slaves, the requirements of visitors, the attention due her husband, made her a guide, a counsellor, a legislator in one—the wise matron who sees and improves opportunity, the gentle Portia whose judgment and affection save both Shylock and Antonio. So, in no metaphor, but in plain prose was woman the vital breath of the Southern home. The idea, so prevalent among many who ought to know better, that she neither desired, nor was capable of, greater mental effort than was demanded for the comprehension and enjoyment of a sensational novel, appears sufficiently absurd when we realize that the supposed reasons for self-indulgence were themselves the prime causes of ceaseless anxiety and unremitting care.—*American Magazine.*

Winston Normal School.

The fourth session of Winston State Normal School will be held in the Assembly Rooms of the Winston Graded School Building, beginning July 10th, and closing July 27th, 1888. The Faculty is as follows:—

Prof. William A. Blair, Winston Graded School, Superintendent. Prof. E. P. Moses, Supt. Schools, Raleigh, N. C. Prof. M. C. S. Noble, Supt. Schools, Wilmington N. C. Prof. E. C. Branson, Supt. Schools, Athens, Ga. Prof. John J. Blair, Winston Graded School. Mrs. J. A. McDonald, Primary Department. Other names will be announced later. Public lectures by distinguished specialists. Rich musical treats. Board at lowest rates.

The women of the Pacific coast have an interesting way of obtaining money for spring bonnets. Says the Esmeralda (Cal.) News: "Mrs. S. A. Knapp and Miss M. Forbes went out to the Pamlico mine last Tuesday and extracted therefrom a half pound of ore. Returning home they had the ore washed, and as a reward for their trip received a bar of gold bullion worth \$87."