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A Change.

After careful consideration of the best interests of all concerned we have decided to consolidate the *Leader* and PINE KNOT, and this issue is the last in which the PINE KNOT will appear in its separate form. Two reasons lead us to this step. First, the one publication can be made to cover the ground now occupied by two, and give a paper better in every respect than either of them. This should, in itself, be sufficient reason for the change, if no other existed. Second, as a matter of expense it does not seem wise to continue to do a thing by the present method when it can be better done with much less outlay.

Under the new arrangement we shall give our readers more original matter each week, and to our advertisers we shall give a circulation double that of either of the two papers. The interests of our Southern Pines patrons and of subscribers in the North who are particularly interested in this section will be looked after, and every item of news will be published each week, as heretofore. The names of all subscribers to the PINE KNOT will be transferred to the books of the *Leader* and they will receive it regularly for the time for which they have paid. All advertising contracts with the PINE KNOT will be completed by the *Leader*, and in the case of those who have subscribed for, or advertised in, both papers, they will receive additional credit on the books of the *Leader* for whatever is due them from the PINE KNOT. We feel certain that this arrangement will be found satisfactory in every way and that the only regret our friends will experience will be that we didn't do the thing sooner. We hereby tender our thanks for patronage in the past and desire a continuance of the same. All communications of a business nature should be addressed to "The Leader," Jonesboro, N. C. Communications pertaining solely to the interests of Southern Pines should be addressed to B. A. Goodridge, Southern Pines, N. C.

We have noticed frequently one mistake which some of our Northern people make, particularly when they first come to this section. They wear out their strength and sometimes injure their health in doing work which they cannot do as effectively as they could hire it done for fifty or sixty cents a day. This is economy gone mad. There may be exceptional cases when a five dollar man finds it necessary to do the work of a fifty cent man

for the time being, but such cases are not common, and as a rule, such expenditure of vital force is sheer waste. To be sure the labor we have at hand here is not first-class, neither does it demand a first-class price, and it is certainly better to make the best possible use of it than to rush into the breach oneself and attempt to do work one is physically unable to accomplish.

A Northern man who has just returned from a long journey through the South has a novel theory regarding the slow development of that section. He believes that the diet of the people is to blame for their lack of enterprise.—*America.*

This is not a novel view, by any means. The PINE KNOT has often presented the matter in this light, and supposed that others had done the same thing.

We think the record of temperature at Southern Pines during the months of June and July, printed in another column, shows a rather remarkable uniformity. These readings are not given as standard, but were taken from a good thermometer and will not vary much from what the official record would be.

Norfolk begins to feel metropolitan thrills. It is growing rapidly in business and population, getting a largely increased cotton trade, and if the plans of the Richmond & Danville R. R. people are carried out it will get a decided push forward. Under the circumstances we are ready to approve of the plan, recently mentioned, of making it a North Carolina city, by changing the boundary line between us and Virginia. Wouldn't it be more glorifying to be the largest city in a great state like North Carolina than to play second fiddle in the Old Dominion? Just step over the line easy Norfolk, and don't wake up Portsmouth when you come!

It is aggravating to find that there is so much misinformation in the North regarding the condition of things in the South. Within the last few weeks we have had intelligent people "suppose that Northern men cannot yet live and do business on a safe basis in the South." This belief is largely due to the influence of partisan newspapers like the *New York Tribune* and others of like character, that are willing to go any length for the making of party interest. If the people who feel an interest in the

South would only come down here and see for themselves they would be able to dispel these foolish notions, and capital and immigration would find their natural channel, which is unmistakably southern.

Lippincott's Magazine.

Lippincott's for July has for its leading attraction "Mammon," a novel by Maud Howe. There are poems by Clinton Scollard and Frank Dempster Sherman, but among the prose articles none will excite so much interest as that announcing the names of the successful competitors in the great "One Hundred Questions" tournament. Part of the answers are given in this issue and the rest are to be given in succeeding numbers. So much curious information has been brought together in these answers that the editor approves the suggestion of a correspondent that they be published in book form. It is quite likely, therefore, that they will thus appear.

We notice that in the September issue Mrs. Amelie Rives-Chanler will have a tragedy, "Herod and Marianne," and also the statement of the publishers that up to this time they have not been able to supply the demand for her last novelette "The Quick or the Dead."

Will 1888 be a Year of War?

The present year is the fifth year of modern times in which the aggregate of the figures is twenty-five, and there will be but five more years in which such a combination is possible prior to the year 2599. Probably but few have ever heard of the old prophecy, which runs as follows:

In every future year of our Lord,
When the sum of the figures is twenty-five,
Some warlike kingdom will draw the sword,
But peaceful nations in peace shall thrive.

Students of modern history will readily recall how faithfully this prophecy has been fulfilled in the four previous years to which it applied.

In 1699 Russia, Denmark and Poland formed the coalition against Sweden which inaugurated the great war that ended in the disastrous defeat of Charles XII., at Pultowa.

The year 1789 will ever be memorable on account of the breaking out of the French Revolution.

The year 1798 witnessed the campaign of Bonaparte in Egypt and the formation of the second European coalition against France.

In 1879 war broke out between England and Afghanistan, followed by the invasion of the latter country by British troops.

In what manner the prediction is to be verified in 1888 remains yet to be seen, but the present condition of Europe seems to promise an abundant fulfillment of the prophecy.—*Philadelphia Inquirer.*

The pine barrens of North Carolina are the healthiest part of the earth. There are old people living in such places who never saw any one with a fever of any kind.—*Wilmington Star.*