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SHORT EDITORIAL NOTES
There are advantages possessed by the people of this county for the growing of fruits over those of any other county in the state. Remember this assertion when this is known as the banner fruit county of North Carolina.

A dispatch from Rockford, Illinois. dated Aug. 30, says:
"Mayor Brown and Chief of Police Bargen were in Chicago to day arranging for transportation to the South of the negroes who came here to work with a railroad ballasting crew, and have been on the city's hands for several days. The colored men will probably leave to-morrow The Coroner's Jury will on Saturday resume the investigation into the deaths of Miles Lee and George Woodward, negroes who were killed,"
These poor negroes, were induced, by offers of good pay in cash to go from the South to Illinois to work-to earn their daily bread They were assailed. two at least killed, and, practically backed by the Republican Governor of that State were denied the privilege of working. Now, to prevent them from becoming public charges, the city authorities of Rockford have determined to furnish them tickets to their former Southern home, which the poor darkies most gladly accept. And yet the South "persecutes" the negro.-Raleigh Post.

Those who deny power to the press will please observe that Alger has been driven into retirement and the Press ident is explaining his Philippine policy. The hardest tone yields to the constant current, and there is need to convince and placate before it is asked that the eighty millions be duplicated. It might have been enough but for the payment to Spain on which we are now losing a half million daily with some valuable lives for good meas ure.-Exchange.

GRADUALLY GROWING BETTER Talking with one of our leading merchants a few days ago we were pleased to learn that the annual per centage of trade coming to Southern Pines, is gradually increasing and that, in his opinion, there must be an increase this summer of at least 8 per cent.
This establishes the fact that people in different and remote sections of the county as well as adjoining counties, are realizing that in Southern Pines they can get what they want; and it also warrants the assertion that our town is gradually beeoming a trading center for the majority of people within a radius of thirty miles.
This is a pleasing state of affairs, and if our business men will unite to advertise a little more and make a more specific bid for the business of this section, the rate of increase will show up to a much better advantage when next we wish to make a comparison. And we call atcention to the announcement of a Traders' Convention in another column; it has been started by those whe intend to make a success it if possible, and the aid of the business people is most respectfully asked for.

It seems the Jewett woman has found it impossible to draw crowded houses with the Baker family and has subsided. Even in Boston some people get their deserts before they die; to such as the Jewett oblivion is a double death,
says an exchange.

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