

J. R. Thigpen, A. G. Pitt, Tho. Sappoo,
Edward Cobb, W. J. Cobb and the
vines getting along. Write me
soon I have no letter from you
since I wrote you. We are all
well and well pleased out here
I could make money if I had
a little more Capital to keep a
large stock of Hides on hand
so as to run the business heavy.
Write all the political news
all join in best regards to you
and family.

Very truly
W. H. Moore,

[Sparta, N.C.]

Washfield N.C.
May 8th 1868

Mr Elias Carr

My dear Friend
I promised in my
last to write you again soon and
give you more particular infor-
mation as to Hop growing &c. There
are two Hop Farms here and consid-
erable excitement by other parties
upon the subject. The ones are
now run from nine to twelve feet
long all poles and not much mud.
So to until picking time which
is in August. Then cure them in
in a house for the purpose with a
stove. Then bale them and they
are ready for sale. These farmers
expect to realize about \$800. to
the acre this year. This is the first
year they bear. next they will do

better. say \$1000 to \$1200, to the
acre, 3 to 10 acres is a large
Farm in stops as they are cultivated
with from one to two hands, one
hand for 3-acres except for about
one week with extra help to put
up the poles which are 13- to 18 feet
long for the stops to run on like
beans.

Emigration is very rapid to this
country. The S. N. Branch of the
Pacific R. Road is to be completed
to this place in 2 1/2 years from this
month. Living is rather rough
here. The food is coarse poultry
is scarce, no good hies, Wild game
is plenty. Deer killed all around
Tabor every day also but my family
do not eat it. I can get more
poultry skins to Tan than Beef-hides
such as deer, Fox, Otter, Mink, Wolf
Rabbit, Opposum &c.
This is a great Vegetarian country

many of the inhabitants eat no flesh
of any kind, use no salt, drink no
Coffee &c. The people are very clean
and friendly disposed. Politically
The Radicals hold all the offices,
but the Conservatives are gaining
strength every day and next election
will oust them, in all the
recent elections for Municipal
& City offices in this and the
adjoining States the Democratic
tickets have been elected, showing
the decline of the Radical party.
I see N.C. has gone Radical, I
am sorry to see it. How is Dr
Baker and H. S. Sord, who are
Radicals in Tabor among
the leaders.
How is C. S. Moore, getting along
in business, I fear you all sold
your cotton too soon before it went
up to 32 to 33¢, How is Sugg's
Mill doing, How is R. S. Williams