

Sight-seers make a mistake as to the Star of Bethlehem. They get up about 6 o'clock or earlier and see a star in the East, but it is Jupiter. It is high up. At about 4 o'clock you can see the Star of Bethlehem just above the house tops in the East. It is a magnificent and beautiful star indeed. It is growing fainter. It is not so bright as it was a week or so ago, but it is still of peculiar magnificence. It has been reappearing every 360 odd years since the night it appeared to the "Wise Men from the East." We read in Matthew:

"For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." Then Herod, when he had privately called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. When they had heard the King, they departed; and the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was." Read also in this connection Luke, chapter second, from 7th to 20th verse inclusive.—Wilmington Star.

The general apprehension in regard to the "Star" which led the wise men to Bethlehem to see the infant Saviour is that it was a miraculous "Star" for that occasion only. The "Star of Bethlehem" referred to above and passing by that name, whatever its character or history, is not, we suppose, the luminary referred to in Matthew and Luke.

An observant man at Durham writes to the News-Observer that the beautiful "Star of Bethlehem," so much talked of by the newspapers is none other than Venus, the beautiful queen of planets. "Thar now!"—now "morning star," but soon to become "evening star."

A great pugilistic encounter took place on French territory, an island last week, between Jim Smith, a Briton, and Jake Kilrain, an American, for a stake of \$10,000, and the championship of the world. They had been undergoing a thorough training for the contest for some weeks, which, by the by, involves any amount of self-denial and hard usage of themselves. The battle between them ran through more than two hours, in which time they fought one hundred and four rounds, and the fight was at last declared a draw—neither winning and neither gaining the prize. A deal of trouble and suffering all for nothing except the gratification of vain and vicious pe ple.

The latest reports from the Kilrain-Smith fight assert that Kilrain, the American, asserted the Britisher, notwithstanding the referees declared it a drawn battle.

The five anarchists that were hung in Chicago some few weeks ago, were buried, last Sunday, all in one grave and twelve feet deep. On this occasion there was about 2,000 people present, who were addressed by four different speakers, who charged them to keep up the fight and talked in a very violent way. This thing was kept up for four hours during which many women fainted. It would be better for our country if a great many of them that are now living were also placed twelve feet under the sod.

The Charlotte Chronicle credits the Greensboro Patriot with saying: We know a farmer in this county who alone shucked and cribbed forty bushels of corn last week inside of five days. That was good work, and such workers make plenty and prosperity.

What was the matter with him, brother, had he lost one or both arms, or was he entirely paralyzed.

At the convention of "Young Republican clubs," held at New York on December 15th, during a sharp contest for the chairmanship and amid much wrangling the vote of the North Carolina delegates was called for, and with much levelheadedness and tar heel simplicity they announced that they would vote for "any one who can organize this convention." Rah for North Carolina.

The Charlotte Chronicle notices the failure of the firm of Berwanger Bros., of that city, an old and, it was thought, a very solid house. They have been doing business in Charlotte for eleven years, and had won a good reputation. They had a branch house in Raleigh, and another in Knoxville, Tenn.; all are included in the assignment for the benefit of creditors. It is believed they will pay out, damaging no one.

The enterprising people of Winston are talking of an artesian well, and some of her citizens have been corresponding with a Pennsylvania gentleman of experience in boring wells, who promises to visit Winston in the interest of such work. Deep holes in the earth is the order of times, to bring up water, petroleum, gas, or evidence of coal.

The Baltimore Manufacturers' Record, speaking of the activity in the South says for one week only there is reported from North Carolina, two cotton mills at Salisbury; probably a 15,000 spindle mill at Durham; a wood pulp mill at Lincolnton, and a dozen or more saw mills, flour and grist mills and kindred enterprises.

The nomination of Mr. Lamar to the Supreme Court bench, and Mr. Vilas for Secretary of the Interior, goes over until after the holidays.

An Alabama Faith Doctor Kills a Negro Woman as a Sacrifice Offering—Threats of Mob Violence.

Selma, Ala., Dec. 18.—A horrible murder was committed here to-day. Wm. W. Jordan, a faith doctor, has been living in Selma for the past twelve months, and has in that time acquired a great influence over the negroes, whom he told that he had come to redeem the Jews. He announced for a Passover Feast, at the house of two negro women in the outskirts of the city, this morning, and told them that a sacrifice was necessary. Frances Driver said she was willing to offer herself as a sacrifice, and laid her head on a table. Jordan thereupon took a sword and struck her several blows on the neck and stabbed her a number of times, killing her instantly. The body was then dragged out into the street by two other colored women. A white woman witnessed the affair and gave an alarm. Police officer Payne, after a terrible struggle, succeeded in overpowering Jordan, and with the aid of several other officers, conveyed him to the city prison. Two negro men, who were present at the feast, have also been arrested.

The negroes are greatly excited over the murder, and there are threats of lynching, but the police have a strong guard at the city prison and say that they will be able to prevent mob violence. Chief of Police Rosser says that Jordan is unquestionably crazy. The murderer has a brother living in Shreveport, La.

While Senator Chandler's bill singling out four Southern States to have their elections for Congressmen regulated by Congress, and taking away from the people of these States the right to regulate their own elections is harmless, yet the animus of it ought not to be lightly passed over. It is a direct insult to the Southern people. It is based on the idea that the people of these States are so fraudulent in the conduct of their elections that Congress must take away their rights from them. And who is this man Chandler? He is a republican Senator—the chief political striker of the radical party. Let the people of the South fully appreciate how this embodiment of Northern radical hate would degrade the Southern people by taking away from them the right to regulate their own elections. As they would do unto the four States named they would do unto all the Southern States if they could wreak their malignity upon them.—News-Observer.

A young North Carolinian of brilliant talents is in jail at Washington and is sentenced to be hanged for murder, the murder of his best friend, he says, to which crime he was driven by whiskey, he says further, a demon that got full possession of him and made him a madman. Another young man is in jail at Greensboro for killing a friend after a quarrel at a game of cards. The two had been close companions and warmly attached to each other up to the time of the petty tiff over the card-table. Now one is dead and the other is in prison as his killer. There are lessons here for the youth of the State; lessons, sad indeed, but very important to be learned. The awful warning should not go unheeded.—News-Observer.

What fun there would be along after the holidays if James G. Blaine was in the lower house of Congress.—Chicago Inter-Ocean; Rep.

And "what fun there would be" if Ben Hill were living and were "in the lower house of Congress" to reply to the Maine rafter. Jim would subside after the first day's skinning as he did when Hill mounted him years ago.—Wilmington Star.

Retail liquor dealers in Philadelphia will next year have to come under a law taxing them \$3,500 each, and give two bondsmen, each liable for \$2,000 to meet the cost of law violations. There are now 6,000 saloons in the city, but under high license and a more rigid system they will probably be reduced to three or four hundred.

Decision in Suit Involving the Site of the City of Anniston.

Montgomery, Dec. 15.—The suits instituted by L. Campbell, of Pensacola, and John P. McKewan, of New York, against the Woodstock Iron Co., were to-day decided in favor of the Company. These suits were instituted to recover the property upon which the city of Anniston, Ala., is built, the property is worth over \$3,000,000.

Attempt to Assassinate the Czar.

Vienna, December 19.—A correspondence sheet published in this city asserts that it has received a cipher dispatch stating that another attempt has been made on the life of the Czar, and that the Czar was wounded. It also says that a revolutionary movement has broken out in St. Petersburg. [Officially denied.]

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The daily press of New York being witnesses, that city exceeds all others for crimes, cruelty and accidents. Every day the disgusting record is spread before the public, and crime really seems to flourish by the daily recital.

The Virginia Legislature elected Hon. John S. Barbour to the U. S. Senate, Tuesday last. Vote in the Senate: Barbour 26; Mahone 13; in the House, Barbour 61; Mahone 35. Good enough for one day.

The Chronicle now informs its readers that four cotton factories will be put into operation in Charlotte within the next twelve months.

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Dr. McCosh, the late President of Princeton College, in speaking of President Cleveland's message, says:

"He has the poor man at heart, and is trying to improve his condition. I agree most heartily with Mr. Cleveland in the view he has taken of the present situation."

W. Holmes Hardin, jr., of Chester, S. C., has gathered 20 1/2 bales (450 lbs. each) cotton from thirteen acres. That is farming.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Bills were introduced in the Senate to-day by Mr. Ransom providing for a public building at Asheville, N. C., to cost \$150,000 and by Mr. Vance for a building at Charlotte to cost \$200,000.

Five prisoners, the Clark brothers, passed through Chattanooga, Ga., on the 19th, to Tompkinsville, Ky., to be tried for robbing the bank in that place.

An anarchist paper in Chicago is preaching assassination. It advocates the murdering of the Chicago authorities.

Philadelphia boasts of a woman who weighs 967 pounds. She is 29 years old and 5 feet 4 1/2 inches high.

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By Rev. C. A. Rose, Dec. 14, 1887, Mr. Jno. A. Hoffman and Miss Joyce Shuping, all of Rowan county.

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