

THE CIRCULATION OF THE MORNING STAR IS LARGER THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER DAILY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN WOODS COUNTY.

THE HOUSE OF THE HOUR.

The expediency of party having proven failures, the only hope for a restoration of pure government is in a general uprising of the people outside of party lines.

The exigency of the hour is indeed pressing. It is such a crisis as demands all the moral power of the country to meet. If the country goes down in the blackness of darkness under the foot of the spoiler, when shall it be redeemed?

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Palm-Tree Leaves.

Georgetown has a plenty of wild ducks. Columbia is to enjoy a horse race to day. A game cock fair commenced in Columbia yesterday.

Six and a quarter cents is the price of pork in Laurensville. The great Masonic celebration came off in Charleston yesterday. Gen. J. B. Kershaw was to deliver the address.

Two men connected with a show had a shooting scrape in Columbia on Monday evening. No one seriously damaged.

The Horry News, of the 12th inst., says: On Wednesday night, the 6th inst., the mill of Mr. S. N. Anderson, five miles from this place, was destroyed by fire.

Brothers the thunder cloud is black and the mail of the land flags forth; Will ye stand the hot torpedo's rack And the ram's horns of the Goth?

USURY LEGISLATION.

We regret to see that there is a movement in the Legislature looking to the restoration of the old Usury law. Nothing is plainer than that money is a commodity like sugar, coal or salt, and that limitations imposed upon the price of money are as harsh and unreasonable as limitations imposed upon the price of these common articles of merchandise would be.

THE PRICE OF COTTON.

In our article of several weeks ago on the cotton crop and probable advance in price we made certain predictions based on the knowledge of a short crop. It will be remembered that we argued that the Chicago fire, the decline in gold, heavy receipts early in the season and the increase in the oceanic freight rates, the effects of which at that time caused the article to command a low price in market, were not of such a permanent nature as to

keep the price down, but that the causes removed, the staple would become elastic and the price go up to a pretty figure. Our predictions are being verified. The causes that then operated to depress the market have been gradually removed. For several days cotton has been bringing good prices. They are so remunerative, indeed, that we scarcely feel the necessity of our country friends to hold for better prices. Our own opinion, in such matters worth very little, is that the staple will go higher yet. But we have no overwhelming reasons to urge in support of this opinion.

THE OLD SCOTCH SPIRIT.

The spirit of Bruce and Wallace, of Knox and Chalmers, of Buchanan and Robertson, of Burns and Scott, still dwells in the breasts of the bonnie Scots. The same pluck, constancy and practical sense distinguish this hardy people that has caused the names of Scotland and the Scotch to be known wherever there is a literature.

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STAR BEANS.

Alexis is a fine linguist. Grant's motto—One good term deserves another.

Ex Empress Eugenie sailed from Gibraltar on the 16th of England. The snow on the Sierra Nevada is deeper than at any time since 1851.

Boston is to have a "steam fire boat" to protect the waterfront and slipping.

Florida hopes next year to be able to supply the entire country with bananas.

Visitors in Northern Italy are complaining of heavy and most unusual falls of snow.

William Hancock, a member of the Richmond bar, is now an inmate of the city almshouse.

A Connecticut paper knows of several persons in that State who have burned themselves to death this year by smoking in bed.

General Rosecrans is devoting his abilities to bringing into practical operation in the West the system of narrow gauge railways.

Colonel Laurence, of Elgin, Ill., jumped from a window of the American Hotel, Boston, in a fit of insanity, Friday, and died Saturday.

Dr. O. W. Hess formerly manager of Crosby's Opera House, who attempted to commit suicide a few weeks ago, died on Wednesday night, at Chicago, from the effect of his wounds.

What Masonry Does.

The following incident illustrates, in a degree, some of the good effects produced by the teachings of Masonry when properly understood and practiced, and shows how it conciliates true friendship among those who might have otherwise remained at a perpetual distance.

Two young men had been fast friends. In an evil hour they quarreled. They did not speak, and had not spoken for years. Mutual friends tried the art of reconciliation in vain. They were avowed enemies for life.

One of them became a Mason after the estrangement, and it happened that the other remained ignorant of this fact. One evening he, too, was admitted into a lodge. Almost the first voice he heard, and certainly the first face he saw, was that of his enemy, who presided over the ceremonies of initiation, and was obliged, according to usage, to address him by the title of "Brother."

This was a most peculiar situation, and a severe ordeal for both. After the lodge was closed the apprentice sought the Master, and without any preliminaries, the following colloquy ensued, commenced by the newly made Mason:

"Are you a member of this Lodge?" The answer was, "I am."

"Were you present when I was elected?" "I was."

"May I ask if you voted?" "Now will you tell me how many votes it requires to reject a candidate on ballot for admission?"

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