Thursday, December 21, 1871. WM. H. BERNARD.

THE CIRCULATION OF THE MORN ING STAR IS LARGER THAN THAT OF ANY-OTHER DAILY NEWSTAPER PUB-

THE HOTE OF THE HOUR. The expedients of party having proven failures, the only hope for a restoration of pure government is in a general aprising 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 toot of the spoiler, when shall it be redeemed? when again will occur the opportunity of redemption? The American people ought to wisely consider the great danger to which the Republic is exposed. They should brace themselves for the great contest which is inevitably coming between the Constitutionalists and Centralists. The present Centralists are monarchists at heart or if not so now are rapidly drifting that way. Republican consolidation paves the way surely to imperial despotism. The despotism of the many is preparation to the despotism of one. The Constitution, hitherto our bulwark, is plastic in the hands of the corrupt men who administer the laws above it. That great charter of American liberty is treated with insult and contumely by the head of the government. He regards it no more that he would a wisp of straw or a rope of sand. None of its sage safe guards are binding upon him, while a mighty washed and unwashed "following" stand at his back and incite him to go on. The Government is hope lessly corrupt. Thieves, both sleek and sly and open and brazen, fatten and grow up into insolent importance under its nose and with its privity and by its aid. Notorious scoundrels of all lands and climes claim with impunity and secure with ease the fattest places under this government. The most foul practices meet with official protection. Imbezzlements of Government funds are covered up under the military cloak of our President. He smokes his cigar with the countenance of a man who possesses a serene and lofty conscience. To him all things are pure, even as he is pure. With official defile ment so vast, so astounding, so far beyond precedent that the official carcass rots in the light of day to which it is exposed, can the apathy of good and true men of both the great parties be accounted for? There is enough in the picture we have limned to "stir the fever in the blood of" freemen all over the land.

"Brothers the thunder cloud is black And the wail of the land rings forth; Will ye stand the hot tornado's rack And the vampire's of the Goth?"

UNURY 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 difficulty is in getting men to look at the matter in any other than a one sided view. They see only what they are pleased to term the extortion of the money lender who asks for the ase of his money a sum greater than its intaginary and conventional value. Now a conventional value in the difference in location and business must necessarily be unjust, imposing injurious restrictions upon the operations of finance and commerce. The old law in North Carolina only allowed six per centum inter-The Legislature of '65-'66 extended legal interest in the case of loans to eight per centum, when that per cent. was expressed in writing in the agreement. These restrictions with the heavy forfeitures annexed have always been viewed I with distavor by business meo, because thereby the operations of business are cramped and hampered. There is no doubt that the material prosperity of the State has been retarded by the existence of usury laws. Capital will seek such helds for investment as promise to be most remunerative. If the Legislature would do a wise thing it would remove all restrictions upon money loans and allow the lender to get for his money its full value. The lender has rights as well

THE PRICE OF COTTON.

should be free.

as the borrower. Besides, such a law will

make it easier to contract loans than under

heller for both planter and business man.

Business should be untrammelled. Money

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 in crease in the oceanic freight rates, the effects of which at that time caused the article to command a low price is market, were not of such a permanent nature as to spectfully.

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,

ing our country friends to hold for better prices. Qur own opinion, in such matters worth very little, is that the staple will go higher yet. But we have no overwhelm. ing reasons to urge in support of this

THE OLD ACOICH SPIRIT.

The spirit of Bruce and Wallace, of Koox 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.

Our Cumberland friends are noted much for their business enterprise as for their pure morality, noble hospitality and elevated patriotism. Suffering heavily from the effects of the war, the vandal desolations of Sherman having been widespread and deep, they have nevertheless gone resolutely to work to re establish their broken fortunes, and from all ap pearances seem destined soon to succeed in their purposes. We hear that several of the old factories around Fayetteville are to be rebuilt; indeed, work has commenced upon two of the most important of these. These manufactories, with other contemplated improvements, will give the good old borough a considerable litt. We are always glad to make a note of progress for Fayetteville and hope to have is in our power to chronicle other evidences of prosperity in that town.

Palmetto Leaves.

... Georgetown has a plenty of .. Columbia is to enjoy a horse

.. 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

.. The Horry News, of the 12th instant, says: On Wednesday night, the 6th instant, the mill of Mr. S. N. Anderson, five miles from this place, was destroy ed by fire. We have made enquiry into this matter, and are forced to the conclu sion that the destruction of this property not only valuable to the owner, but of great benefit to the whole community, was the deliberate work of incendiaries.

THE CAROLINA FARMER-WHAT IS THOUGHT OF IT.

Correspondence of the Star. RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 18, 1871.

Wm. H. Bernard Esq. Wilmington, N. C. DEAR SIR: I have given the "speci men number" of the "Carolina Farmer." sent me, a careful perusal, and candor compels me to say that I like the "speci men," and it the future numbers are like unto it, the interest of our farmers will be greatly enhanced by reading and following its teachings, and not only the farmer, but every one who has a garden, a cow, pig, or poultry, will find in it something

I have always been an advocate of Southern Agricultural publications, for South ern farmers, not that I dislike those of the North, but I think those of the South are better, yea, far better for our soil and climate. We of the South need a great deal of enlightenment on farming; large number of professed farmers are still in their a-h c's and some old logies say they care nothing for book farming. I tell you sir, we never wake up, our young men, the dolph street, Chicago, there was a watch future hope of the old North State, are dog, (a huge Newtoundland), belonging leaving us to look for better lands! Why, to the Fidelity Sale Deposit Company, in Mr. Editor, there is no better State in the one of the vaults of their building, next Union, than North Carolina, and it they would only go to work scientifically and cease their capting, they would find that | faithful fellow was found with his hair their native soil would return them as unsinged, and no perceptible harm except good or better interest on their money that his feet had been a trifle too warm. than any other portion of this country, He has now resumed his vocation as as-for where can you find such a climate as sistant night watchman of the Fidelity we have in North Carolina? I am of the Sale Deposit Company. This dog is pro-opinion that some think they can find bably the only living creature that went places where they can farm successfully without labor, it can't be done, farming means work! work!! work!!!

Could not the various professions spare some young men to carry on agricultural pursuits? I think so, for there are many young men wasting their time and talents, crushing out their intellect be a hampered usury system. It will be front) some counters, in our cities and towns. It might very truly be written of a large number of the class above mentioned, "mistook his calling," for there have been a great many good farmers and Mechanics spoiled in making poor Merchants, Lawyers Dectors &c., ad infinitum

The resources of our State must be developed by the rising generation, it de veloped at all, therefore we appeal to the young men to remain at home and go to vention which assembled in Baltimore in

I hope Sir, that the "Carolina Farmer," will meet with that success it so righly deserves, and that you will continue as you have begun, by giving to your readers "the best you have in the shop." Send me several copies for distribution. With the compliments of the season, I am reSTAR BEAMS.

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

- Ex Empress Eugenie sailed from Gibralta on the 16th for England. -The snow on the Sierra Neva-

Boston is to have a "steam fire boat," to protect the water front and slip? suppres to be called the Progniq

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

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

- William Hancock, a member of the Richmond bar, is now an inmate of the city alms house. - 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 Ameri

can 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 Chica go, from the effect of his wounds.

What Masoury Does.

The following incident illustrates, in a degree, some of the good effects produced by the teachings of Mason y 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 triends 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 Goods at Popular Prices 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 tollowing 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 ?" " I did."

"Now will you tell me how many votes it requires to reject a candidate on ballot for admission?" The Master answered "One."

There was nothing more to say. The initiated extended his hand, which was warmly grasped by the other, and uttered with thrilling accents, desp emotion mellowing his voice, "Friend! Brother! you have taught me a lesson I shall never forget." This is a little ray of Masonic light. No language is as eloquent as the silent throbbing of a heart full of tears. While this kind of cement is used in our moral edifice, should it not be enduring? Who can wonder that it is so strong.

Bold and Successful Robbery.

On Saturday afternoon a daring robbery was perpetrated at Russell's jewelry store, No. 21 N. Sixth street. A gentleman and lady were in the store selecting some rings. The tray containing them was placed on the show case, when Mr. Russell was called to the rear end of the store. At that instant the door was thrown open and a young man rushed in. He at once seized the tray, thrust it into his bosom and hurried out. The alarm was lustantly given. Mr. Russell leaped over the counter and followed the thief, who ran into Commerce street and up Seventh. The speed of Mr. Russell was checked by two men, evidently accomplices, who got in his way. After being pursued into Market street and up to Eighth the thief was lost sight of. On the tray were forty-eight rings, dismond, ruby, pearl and amethyst. The whole were valued at about \$2,000. No policemen were to be seen in the vicinity at the time the robbery was committed .-Phil. Inquirer. Dec. 18.

The Dog that Went Through the Fire. When the great fire swept over Randolph street, Chicago, there was a watch west of the Sherman House. When the ruins of the build ng were removed this brough the fire and stood it welk. He is probably as good a witness to the virtue of clay bricks for resisting heat as can be found anywhere. - Chiongo Tribune.

Dead. Mr. Thos. S. Pleasants, an account of whose sudden illness has appeared in these columns, died yesterday afternoon about 14 o'clock. And thus has passed away another of those old and valued citizens of Petersburg, whose record wills long the remembered for the viriges that adorned it .- Pet. Progress, 19th inst.

The New York Tribune quotes in favor of the one term principle for the Presi dency Wm. Henry Harrison, Henry Clay, Daniel Webster, the Whig National Con-1844. &c., as well as various emigent Democrats.

Countess Ella, wife of Dom Ferando, of Prosperity and Rightful Pre-eminence Lisbon, Por ugal, herse t a native of Illinois, has sent £60 for the benefit of the Chicago sufferers. One thousand pounds VAKE. Ireland—a total of £4,500 from that city.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

PERIL AND PRECAUTION This is a season that tries the frame and the constitution, If there be a weak spot in either, the chilling damps, the malarious logs, the varieties of temperature that mark the mmencement of the winter season are aure to find it out. There are few systems that

have not a weak spot somewhere, and the wisest thing that any man or woman can do is to fortify it by a course of Hostetter's Stem ach Bitters, and thus keep the enemy at bay. In war, when a city is menaced the first thing to be done is to strengthen the ramparts. The same policy should be adopted with the human body, when its dire t foe, malaria, is abroad. If the stomach is weak, this tonic will lend it viger; if the bowels are morbidly sensitive, this alterative will regulate them; if the liver is inert, this wholesome stimulant will rouse it; if there is constipation, this aperient will cure it; if there is nervous debility, this servine will replace it with nervous vigor; if there is impurity in the blood, this depurent will neutral se it; if there is a cloud on the spirits, this exhibarant will dispel it. These are facts that have been demonstrated every day for the last twenty years. Can as much be said for any other medicineor rather, can as much be proved? for anything may be said by the unscrupulous. Do not accept any of the local bitters sometimes recommended by dealers in lieu of the Standard Restorative. [dec 17-eod w-Sun Wen Fri

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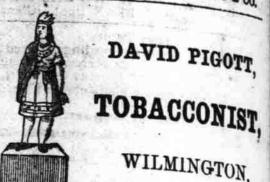
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