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

THE ACQUISITION OF CUBA.

The resolution introduced into the United States Senate by General Blair on Monday directing the President to open negotiations with the Spanish Government for the purchase of Cuba...

For years there has been a strong desire on the part of our people to annex Cuba, and we may say an equally strong desire on the part of the Cubans to be annexed to the United States.

THE JANUS-FACED PARTY.

The Radical party is double-faced. In the President's Message, we have a warm recommendation of the policy of amnesty. In the debates on the subject in Congress we have the President's bugmen...

JUST AS IT SHOULD BE.

When Best Butler presented the petition of the thirty-five thousand women suffragists to the House of Representatives the other day, there ought to have been a Squeers standing by ready with the immortal criticism, "Here's richness."

MRS. WHARTON ACQUITTED.

The verdict of not guilty in Mrs. Wharton's case is what everybody expected after the strong evidence adduced by the defence on the trial.

The trial of Mrs. Wharton will now take its place among the causes celebre of the age, of which in some respects it must rank as the most eminent.

The sympathy of the public has been all the while with the unfortunate lady, and now that she has been formally acquitted after having endured a tedious and fatiguing trial the wishes of all accompany her and her devoted, self-sacrificing daughter in their retirement from a painful notoriety to the privacy of their home.

Young men, don't crowd the cities and towns. The country imparts health, tone, and moral, physical and intellectual vigor. America's greatest and best men have sprung from the fresh virgin soil of the country. Don't shirk hard labor. Stick to the farm, for there is most happiness and profit. Cities are overdone with hale and hearty young men who say they are trying to rise in the world, but who make sad mistakes when they leave the "old man" to struggle on alone, and push themselves into the dense crowds which throng the professions and the walks of business.

Who is to settle gubernatorial disputes in the Radical ranks in this State? Probably their Convention was called well for the 17th of April. At any rate Care, oh, care for the spoils.

The Napoleons are again rising to the surface. The Prince of that name was elected to fill a municipal office in Corsica, the native land of the Bonapartes, the other day.

A Monument for ex-President Harrison. The members of the committee of the Ohio Legislature, who have just visited the tomb of President Harrison express themselves in favor of an appropriation for the erection of a suitable monument, and there appears to be no doubt that they will recommend favorable legislative action.

BOOK NOTICES.

From the prolific press of the Harpers we have just received a book of remarkable power and learning, and devoted to an object worthy of a work of such scope and dignity. Its title is Physiology of the Soul and Instinct as distinguished from Materialism; and its author is Dr. Martyn Paine, Professor in the Medical Department of the University of New York.

Of this work of Dr. Paine it is perhaps sufficient to say that it is a book of prodigious power, a splendid vindication of Christian truth against its most formidable assailants, the Sceptics and scientists, and an auxiliary which the Church of Christ may appropriately hail for its most opportune appearance.

For sale by Heinsberger. To the great publishing house in Franklin Square we are also indebted for an attractive novel, written in the best popular vein, entitled Fair To Sea. Its author is Laurence W. M. Lockhart.

For sale by Heinsberger. The Appletons have now ready another instalment of their pretty and convenient "Handy-Volume Edition of Dickens." These enterprising publishers this week give us David Copperfield of which rumor hath it, Dickens was more proud than of any other of his numerous works.

For sale by Heinsberger. From the Appletons we also have Pleasure, A Holiday Book of Prose And Verse. Its table of contents presents a very tempting appearance.

For sale by Heinsberger. Harper for February is out a little later than usual, but nevertheless in great force and attractiveness. Its best contributors have lately been most industrious and per consequent, the public is presented with an abundant and dainty feast.

Palmetto Leaves.

The poor of Charleston are to be vaccinated gratuitously. Col. J. P. Thomas has retired from the editorial management of the Columbia Phoenix.

Motoi Asayuma, a Japanese nobleman of high birth, was in Charleston a few days ago. He is now in Aiken.

A new paper called the Carolina, published by Col. J. P. Thomas, late chief editor of the Phoenix. It will be intensely Democratic.

The Confederate rams Chicora and Charleston, which were sunk to prevent capture by the Federals, on their occupation of Charleston, have been raised, and found in very good preservation.

The Courier says: Two of the "big guns" destined to take a part in the defence of Uncle Sam, in the event of an unpleasantness with Spain, passed through the streets yesterday, and were landed at Southern wharf.

A Horrible Death.

Ann Garrett, fifty-one years of age, living at No. 217 South Ann street, was burned to death on Wednesday night about 12 o'clock. At about that hour some of the neighbors discovered smoke issuing from the window of the room occupied by the deceased, on the ground floor of the back building, and broke open the window, thus effecting an entrance, as the door was fastened. They found the deceased lying on the floor, near the fireplace with all her clothing burned off, and her body also burned in a horrible manner.

Sarah, have any of those mischievous children been playing with the piano while I have been out of town? Some of the keys won't sound at all. Sarah: "Please mum, I don't anything about it—leastwise, Master Tom said there was something wrong with it, which he was sure there was a mouse in it. So he got Joe to hold up the cover, while he put the dog and the cat into it; but instead of catching the mouse, mum, they took to fightin', and did make such a funny noise in among the wires, so, may be, mum, the mouse is in there still, mum."

Stokes' Probable Line of Defence.

"Burling" the New York correspondent of the Boston Journal, gives the following outline of Stokes' probable defence: Stokes has been arraigned on an indictment found by the Grand Jury, but he has not yet pleaded. Everything is in a state of confusion in New York, so we have to Grand Jurors. It is the common opinion of the Bar that one of these bodies is illegal.

As Mr. Stokes' counsel has not decided whether to plead to the indictment or demur, it is quite probable that a new indictment will be found after one of the Grand Jurors shall have been discharged. There is some interesting if not startling positions taken for the defence. The one is that Col. Fisk was not only armed, but that the wound in his body was inflicted by himself—inflicted a la Vallandigham.

In attempting to draw his pistol from his pocket. That two pistols were used is very clear, from the fact that two bullets were found, one in Fisk's body, and one on the marble pavement, the one bullet hitting the pistol found and the other not. The bullet in the body fitting the pistol found, the bullet on the floor, which produced the wound in the arm, not fitting any pistol yet produced. The theory is that Fisk, coming in at the door and seeing Stokes on the stairs, attempted to draw his pistol, when it accidentally discharged at the same moment when he received Stokes' bullet in the arm.

A Chinese Wedding in Oregon.

LeYuek, the chief Chinese manufacturer of cigars in Portland, Oregon, recently imported a wife from his native country, and wedded her with great display. After the ceremony had been performed at the Joss House, the bride and her waiting maids were driven to the residence of her lord and master, on First street, where her husband, who had preceded her, received the party by firing a feu de joie, composed of a quantity of crackers of the largest size. The bride was at once disrobed by her attendants and put to bed, while the groom received his friends and entertained them in a becoming manner, causing them to smoke cigars, eat sweetmeats and drink wines and sham shuey.

The Davenport Brothers lately gave some of their psychic exhibitions at Ithaca, N. Y., but their tricks were sadly disarranged by some of the Cornell University fellows. A private letter tells us that some of the students, having a scientific turn of mind, provided themselves beforehand with pyrotechnic balls containing phosphorus, so made as to ignite suddenly with a bright light. During the dark scenes, when the Davenports purported to be, and as the audience supposed were, bound hand and foot within their closet or cabinet, and when the guitar was floating in the air and playing musically around the affixed students, their spirits were found to be no other than the Davenports themselves, who were dodging about the stage, brandishing the guitars, and playing the tunes.

One More Story About Fisk.

This deceased Colonel Fisk's love of fun he retained to the last. Fisking wounded to death on Saturday evening at the Grand Central Hotel, Jay Gould, having just heard the news, came hurriedly and sympathetically to his bedside saying: "How is it with you, my dear boy? Fisk replied with a smile: 'Well I rather guess Gould, that I myself am going this time where the woodbine twines. I think I did follow, you'll have to run Eric alone hereafter. I don't care, though, if I do slip off; it won't be the first time. I've been where the New York courts had no jurisdiction.'"

A Popular Paper.

The way to make a paper popular is to pitch in. But it must be no weak, wishy-washy pitching in. It must be a furious, fiery, roaring, tearing, ripping, sky-scouring and earth-bursting pitching in. You must rant, roar, howl, bellow, and finally blow an awful uncommon unblowing and extraordinary blast. You must shout, shriek, sneer, revile, calumniate, repudiate, exhortate, castigate, and even out-date. Nick name nastily, knock down, drag out, dig him in the ribs, and hit him in the eye-ball bin. Gouge him, grit your teeth at him, whoever he may be, and at length do bad to him unambiguously. Above all, rear, rise, rip, gnash, gush, gander pull, and gradually chew up, spit out and stamp him to death.—Exchange.

Dan Rice gave two exhibitions of his circus at Opelika, Ga. By advice of lawyers he refused to pay the "city tax" on the ground that the present mayor and aldermen came into office illegally and had no authority to assess taxes. He was arrested for showing without license, Capt. F. M. Dunbar went his security and he was released on bond. This not bringing the money about 7 o'clock, by direction of Mayor Echols, the marshal took one of the circus horses in charge. Rice secured the services of Col. Hooper, who, by some process, got the sheriff to endeavor to take the horse from the marshal. The latter got wind of the intention and spirited the animal away, and he had not been reported at last accounts. Rice went to Montgomery without his animal.

Death of General Ewell.

General R. S. Ewell died at his residence in Maury county, this morning. In giving directions regarding his tombstone, he laid particular stress upon the fact that he did not desire any word employed in the inscription that could reflect in any way upon the Government of the United States.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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Parties wishing to purchase will communicate direct with T. C. SERVOS, City Treasurer.

Quarantine Notice.

PILOTS and Masters of Vessels are notified that if any case of disease is carried past the Quarantine Station, it will subject the vessel to the delay and expense of being carried back, and if knowingly, to a fine of \$500. Pilots will satisfy themselves before passing Quarantine.

Notice.

ORDERED THAT THE SHERIFF OF THIS County be notified by the Clerk of this Board to advertise in one of the daily papers that all persons on the delinquent list, allowed the Sheriff in his settlement with the State, for poll and personal property, will be allowed until the 1st day of February, 1879, to pay the same, and if not paid by or before that date, then the Sheriff is by this order directed to advertise the names of all delinquents, and proceed to apply the strictest provisions of the law in such cases made and provided for the collection of poll and personal property taxes.

Notice.

All persons interested in the above order will please take notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly. J. W. SCHENCK, Jr., Sheriff.

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