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

DECAY OF MORALS IN POLITICS.

It is with pain that we touch this subject, and attempt to treat psychologically the plain evidences of our senses seen everywhere around us.

"Does the robed priest for his pity falter?" The duty of the conscientious journalist, like that of the surgeon, is unmistakable. There is no evading it. He must probe the wound, that he may save the patient's life, and he must even lop off a limb if necessary.

We scarcely know where to begin. When we use our eyes freely, there is so much to be seen that we are bewildered, confused, astounded. "From turret to foundation stone"—to quote from the flowery Judge Reade's memorable Homestead decision—and again from the lowest mudsill to the carved and pictured dome in the political edifice, we observe evidences of Satanic art, and are offended with exhibitions of depraved vice.

Now, if we may pause a moment before we seek means of cure for all this complicated, monstrous aggregation of disasters, we may discover the causes for the same, and without any difficulty, and in fact with all the facility in the world, point unerringly to the author.

Confemulate the stupendous system of fraud, perjury, bribery and public robbery, inaugurated and carried into successful operation by the carpet baggers and their allies in the South.

many millions in State bonds. The Governor of the State, since impeached for other more flagrant crimes, sold his signature for \$25,000. But it will consume hours of our time and scores of pages to give the record of the scoundrelly ring that controlled legislation and the politics of this State until driven from their lairs by the Democratic Conservative party.

But though we have been tried in the fiery ordeal now for several years, we are not finally rid of the inquisitorial miscreants who have so tortured us. But the clouds begin to rift away, and the silver lining is seen. In this State we have driven the corruptionists from the Legislature, we have convicted the Governor of high crimes and misdemeanors, and public sentiment has partially restrained the Radical Executive and Judiciary.

THE TOWN OF SITKA IN ALASKA.

The Ladies and Their Decorations. The village contains forty or fifty houses. The population consists of one thousand Indians and two thousand dogs. Of the dogs, all but one are of the same sharp-eared, wolfish type seen among the Indians of the plains.

We entered several. Creeping through apertures, both square and round, not more than three feet in diameter, we descended flights of steps into the large single room. In the centre of each a fire was built on the ground, and in the centre of each roof a hole, out of which passed a small portion of the smoke, the most of it remaining for the benefit of the salmon hanging over our heads, and to make sore eyes for the inmates.

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Among them the crow and the raven are held sacred, and fly around their abodes undisturbed. They live mainly on fish, and have a monopoly of the trapping. There is but one white trapper in the country, and he is at Cook's Inlet, 600 miles westward.

STAR BEANS.

The festive chinch bug has reappeared in Illinois.

A London woman swallowed her teeth while asleep, and died.

Horace Greeley's salary has been raised to \$15,000 per annum.

There are eighteen candidates for Congress in the Richmond (Va.) district.

A Philadelphia infant began a "fast" life at an early age—by being born on a railway train.

Population of the State of Texas, 918,579, namely: native born 756,193, foreign born 162,386.

An enterprising New Yorker is in Richmond, Va., forming a troupe of negro minstrels for a tour in Europe.

A resident of Alton, Ill., reports having seen in China six American clocks hung in one room as ornaments.

A Miss Brandt is creating some sensation in musical circles in Richmond, Va. She is said to be a singer of rare merit.

The wives of 45 out of 72 Senators, and 106 out of 235 Representatives, accompany their husbands to Washington this year.

In New Orleans the Grand Jury has presented the street railways for mismanagement, on account of the number of casualties occurring on them.

The Proper Punishment of Royal Assailants.

Royal assailants have pretty names. Edward Oxford was the first man who tried to kill Queen Victoria. The Fenian who flourished a pistol at her yesterday is called Alfred O'Connor. He may be a lunatic—or the telegraph which makes him so, may have a method in his madness.

An amusing discussion occurred in the Virginia Assembly a few days ago on the subject of the words "person of color" in some pending bill. Separate motions were made by colored members, to whom the white member left the matter entirely, to substitute the words "negro," "mixed race" and "person of color."

Snow Storm.

The heaviest snow storm since the great storm of January 18th, 1857, prevailed here on Saturday, and seems to have been general throughout the country.

Panic in a School.

An escape of steam, through the carelessness of a janitor in a public school in Newark, Friday afternoon, caused a fearful panic among the children, who jumped from the windows down stairs, &c.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

PERIODIC DISORDERS. The proximal miasmas which are characterized by heat and cold, prevail extensively at this season, and it is a curious fact that in many parts of the country where they are prevalent, other diseases, that bear no general resemblance to fever and ague, or remittent fever, assume a periodic type.

In all these masked cases of ague—for such they are—as well as in the regular intermittents, the most safe and reliable remedy that can be administered is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

The Huston Affair.

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Dr. Huston, in a letter dated Cincinnati, Feb. 23, written to a friend in Baltimore, states that he has "placed the matter in the hands of an experienced lawyer, who will doubtless take such steps as the matter demands."

High Tide.

The strong northeast gale, by which the snow storm of Saturday was ushered in, had the effect of filling the river above its banks, and flooding all the lower portions of the city.

causing a loss of several hundred dollars. Other houses were also inundated, and on Bank street several families were compelled to move out of their houses. The river was filled with timber which drifted off from some of the wharves and floated out to sea.

The income and property taxes of Great Britain for the financial years 1869-'70, were levied upon an annual valuation of \$1,991,144,355, of which \$1,006,572,050 were situated in England; \$167,745,618 in Scotland, and \$126,826,690 in Ireland.

Vesuvius is beginning to get lively again. After one of its long periods of inaction, or rather of unseen preparation, it begins to show signs of mischief.

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