

# The Southern Star.

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**THE STAR. THE INDEPENDENT,  
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NATIONS AND THE WORLD.**

Grievous fault has been found with us because we don't favor the aggressions of North Carolina or the Southern Security Company, that bend some and dashing son-in-law of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad. Moved by the criticism directed to the local interests of Wilmington, which it invariably manifests on all occasions wherein those interests are in jeopardy from railroad oppression, and which reflect on its conspicuously displayed during a late contest of the Chamber of Commerce with a certain railroad management, the *Wilmington Journal* has made the following statement:

"The *Star* for being cajoled [by the Norfolk and Petersburg press] into opposition to the movement made by the Southern Security Company for a change of gauge, or for being frightened into it by a spectre of its own distorted imagination."

Well, our remarks upon receiving this heavy charge of the *Journal*, reported by the "charge of the Light Brigade" of the Richmond *Enquirer*, is the favorite phrase of our neighbor, we "still live." Yes, we live, and we live to work in behalf of the interests of our city. We live unchallenged as yet, and unrighteously.

But the *Journal* advocates the change of gauge because it assumes the change will secure to Wilmington more than one-half of the business on the North Carolina road. How can we be assured of this? The *Journal* may be better posted than we are in the counsels of the Southern Security Company, when it oracularly proclaims the immense advantages to be derived by dislocating a great road and putting still greater power in the hands of the giant monopoly of the country. It may also judge the temper of our people better than we do, when it proposes to change the gauge in the so-called interests of Wilmington. It was so successful recently in finding this temper on the subject of railroad monopoly, that it may well deserve to use its capacities in this new enterprise.

But we are again, how can we be assured that changing the gauge of the North Carolina Railroad, from Greensboro to Charlotte, and selling the other end of the road to any agent of the Southern Security Company or of the Pennsylvania Central will advance the interests of this city? The present discrimination in favor of the Northern through freight which we have again and again, in the interests of our people, pointed out, does not, to our thinking, promise much for future liberality to our city. But a glowing picture is painted for us, and we are told to hope. We have hoped in the past, but in vain. We worship at no railroad shrine, for they be greatly cossed, who be threat. Ours has been a consistent course, for we have strive with all our might unwaveringly to vindicate the people's rights, and restrain the encroachments of monopolies. In this we have acted disinterestedly. We may have seen some "spectres," but these were like wise seen by the people. One spirit of evil was exorcised, since we commenced our crusade, and we hope that others may be. We shall certainly not desist for any clomor that may be raised by those whom we have fought without fear. Working for the true interests of our city, as we have always worked, and even we trust with renewed zeal, we can well afford to let our local contemporary fight it out on his present line, that takes him all summer.

## THE DIXON DISASTER.

At Dixon, Illinois, Sunday morning, two hundred persons who were crowded upon a bridge to witness the ceremony of baptism were hurled into the Rock river. Some fifty were killed by the debris of the bridge in falling or were drowned. Dixon is a small city in the northwestern part of the State.

The telegraph furnishes but few particulars of what is a most appalling catastrophe. The cause of the disaster, a rotten structure, will temporarily awaken public solicitude for the safety of our bridges. We have had constant reminders of late that the faster the word grows the less it cares for safety. On the other hand it reminds the community at Dixon, one of the most rural and harboring

## THE NEXT GALE THAT SWEEPS FROM THE SOUTH!

Nay the clash of arms in Louisiana—the second clash—has actually occurred, and this time, too, loss of life has resulted, though not by my means as great as in the affair at Olafza.

The people are resisting the collection of taxes by the so-called government of Kellogg, and seem determined to resist until the bitter end unless compelled to pay by United States troops.

In St. Martin's parish, the citizens to the number of two hundred, under the command of a Dr. Blanche were attacked by the Metropolitan police force, janitors of the tyrant, and usurper Kellogg. It is related that the citizens repulsed the Metropolitans and drove them back to St. Matthewsville, from which point the advices indicate that the position of the latter is critical, that they may be completely overwhelmed at any moment.

We reiterate what we have often said since the election. The whole condition of political affairs is now entirely attributable to the refusal of Congress and the President to recognize the government constituted by the people. The duty was simple, but it was most shamefully disregarded. Upon the heads of the President, his advisers and the members of the dominant party, in Congress rests the awful responsibility for the bloody chaos in Louisiana.

LATER.—No general engagement has yet occurred.

## TIMELY TROUBLE.

The curious, the ghastly, the mythical, all come within the range of the journal's selection of subjects. Yesterday we presented these topics that abnormal phase of civilization (was it) savagely developed in the brutal defacement of manhood placed over the dead and in a bloody re-enactment of残酷 family feuds within the sacred precincts of anatomy. To-day our theme is the incredible, and said to have been performed at Leipzig by which a dead man's brains were transferred by skillful process to the head of a living man, who didn't die under the influence which was imposed while the man lay in a stupor from the effects of chloroform, but who strangely enough recovered to find himself in tares, ideas and the moral and mental structure of manhood just what the dead man whose brains were given him had been in life. Now this story has so much salt in it that we might safely say it was written for the special benefit of the marines. However it is worth reading, if not worth retaining. It came from a Paris correspondent, and it is a work of supererogation to state that Paris correspondents are vicious to the backbone. A soldier who had killed the colonel of a regiment in cold blood, and whom the severity of Prussian military discipline would have caused to die a hundred deaths had it been possible, was deliberately handed over to the surgeons, by sentence of court-martial, and was confined in a strong military room in the military hospital, entirely in the dark, as to the fate which awaited him. A keeper of a beer cellar in Leipzig, a man resembling his master in every way, was the keeper of the saloon-keeper, who was condemned to death. He soon found the soldier with a pistol, went in search of his assailant. He soon found the soldier and shot him on sight, killing him instantly. Capt. Gallagher was promptly arrested and is now in jail.

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## DOWN IN DAKIE.

Macon won a victory over Augusta in the great chicken fight.

From Albany to Thomasville, Ga., the crop prospects are unusually fine.

Gus Patterson, Col., will be hanged for murder in Dougherty county, Georgia, on the 30th inst.

A negro blacksmith in Atlanta was kicked on the nose while attempting to shoot a horse, and the injury is quite serious.

Martha Ann Merriett, white, the murderer of another woman of the same stamp, was sentenced to the penitentiary for life from Dougherty County, Georgia.

The meeting of the Press Association of Alabama, which was to have taken place in Birmingham on the 8th inst., has been postponed to the 16th, due to the bad weather.

A negro child was burned to death, on Saturday last, on the plantation of Mr. Bennett, near Cotton Hill, Clay county. It was left in the house alone, and its clothes caught fire.

Rev. S. S. Cozby, for several years pastor of the Presbyterian church at Cartersville, Ga., has resigned and will soon move to South Carolina, where he will continue his ministerial labors.

Three new cotton factories are under way, and will be built before 1875, in Columbus. Columbus now manufactures 7,000 bales of cotton per annum. The new mills will more than double that amount.

The greatest damage yet reported in Georgia by the beating, heavy rains in the washing of guano on the hill sides. Many thousands of dollars have been lost in this way, says the *Columbus Sun*.

Cotton is coming into Columbus, Ga., largely in excess of the corresponding weeks of last year. If this is continued, the total for the season at Columbus will be some 58,000 bales, an increase of 18,000 over 1871-72.

Wm. Pack, who killed Steele in the upper end of Jackson county, Ga., on the 18th of March, was arrested on the Northwestern Railroad, and brought to Scottsboro, on Tuesday last, and, in default of bond, was committed to jail.

The new Mexican trade courses intended for the purposes of commercial intercourse with foreign nations is of the same value as the French two-and-a-half and five franc pieces. The coins are silver, but it is intended to issue gold coins that shall be multiples of the gold coins of foreign nations. This new metallic currency will obviate many difficulties and the expense of accomodations of foreign coinage.

Our own coin will circulate in many countries.

to equalise the exchange rates among

## PALMETTO LEAVES.

Pic-nics are all the go in Charleston.

The military post at Spartanburg is to be discontinued in a few days.

Same is the health officer at St. Helena Sound, and not at Hilton Head.

Seven hundred persons were on board in the steamboat excursion Saturday given to the employees of Messrs. Walker, Evans and Groggwell.

They have a building and loan association in Spartanburg. W. H. Blake, President; H. E. Heinrich, Vice-President; George Cofield, Treasurer.

The fair grounds in Columbia are being improved. A good mile track, requiring considerable filling in, has been made, and a substantial board fence placed around it.

A further meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of Charleston, held on Saturday, resolved to raise by collection the fees of counsel appointed in the case before the Supreme Court.

Moses Cannon, for whose arrest the Governor had offered a reward of two hundred dollars, was apprehended while cutting trees about six miles from Kingstree last week.

The crime charged against Cannon is the murder of his father-in-law, in Darlington county.

A desperate colored thief last Saturday undertook to rob the money drawer of Mrs. Murphy's store on Market street, Charleston, and when he entered to protect her property he drew a large knife and stabbed her in the arm. He then escaped into the street and has not yet been captured.

The *Charleston News and Courier* of Monday says: Bishop Howe administered the rite of confirmation yesterday to forty-two candidates.

Twenty at St. Phillip's Church, in the morning, of whom eighteen were females; nineteen at St. Mark's Church, in the afternoon, fifteen of whom were males and three at St. Stephen's, in the evening, one of whom was a female.

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