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Our Terms Under The New Postal

Under the new law which goes into effect January 1, 1875, we are required to pre-pay the postage on THE MORNING STAR. This will add considerably to the expense of publication, but we have determined to make no advance in the present price of subscription to yearly subscribers.

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We hope every subscriber on our books will renew promptly.

EXPANSION AND THE NEXT CON-

We incline to the opinion, contrary to that expressed by leading New York journals, that the effect of the late elections and the triumph of the Democratic party will be an increase of strength to the expansion side .-Although such hard money advocates as Mr. Kerr, of Indiana, and Mr. Payne, of Ohio, both men of distinguished ability, are chosen by Westanstituencies to seats in Congress, yet it must be borne in mind that they represent States that are stronger than any in the Union in favor of expanding the currency to suit the wants of trade. They seem to have been elected because of their superior intelligence in general, in spite perhaps of the known sentiment of their people, or because of a sporadic attack of the hard money disease in a greenback region. Their election signifies, if we are to believe the party declarations and the asseverations of the leading Democratic newspapers, if in one word we are to regard the evidence of our senses, just nothing save the dominance of ideas over sectional prejudice. The House to which Messrs. Kerr and Payne are elected, and in which they will take their seats next Monday, will be decidedly in favor some form of greenback expansion.

Will the Senate show an expansion

majority as well?

The Senate, as at present constituted, stands about as follows: Classed as Inflationists, 39. These can be relied upon, as leading Contraction journals admit. Anti Inflation, 34, including three Senators who were not in all cases to be depended on at the last session.

Now here is an apparent nominal majority of certainly five; and this was in fact the majority on one or more occasions last winter. But the Senate could never be counted on as | the whole ticket. Let the South wait dead sure to vote for a liberal scheme of expansion.

Let us look at the probable complexion on this question, which will be one of the great questions of the coming Congress, of the Senate of the 44th National Legislature. The terms of 25 Senators expire on the 4th of March, 1875, of whom 10 are Expansionists and 15 Anti-Expansionists. The 10 Expansionists represent Florida, Indiana, Minnesota, sickness, from which, it is thought, Mississippi, Nebraska, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Two of these States have already elected, and it is easy and just to assume that, representing away that sword which was as bright Expansion constituencies, Senators Withers and Bruce, of Virginia and Mississippi, will vote in favor of all reasonable Expansion schemes. The 15 Anti-Expansionists whose terms expire represent the States of Cali-

Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Vermout. Six of these have elected Senators. There is probably no change in either. In Missouri there seems little doubt that Mr. Schurz, one of the ablest of the hard money men, will give place to a Democrat on the opposite financial pole. So there will almost certainly be a gain of one for Expansion, whatever other changes subsequent elections may

The late victories were a moral expansion triumph. The namby-pamby financial policy of the Administration was put on trial and knocked off the stool. The result will accrue to the benefit of the theory so ably and persistently advocated by thinkers South and West, and in the next Congress we have the utmost confidence in either the final triumph of Expansion or the relegation of the whole question to the people, to hold in abeyance until after the Presidential election.

CAROLINA HOUSEHOLD MAGA-

We greet with pleasure the announcement by Mr. Bonitz, of the Goldsboro Messenger, of his intention to issue in time for the holiday season a large 28 page, 48 column monthly, to be handsomely printed on tinted paper and beautifully illustrated. It will be called the Carolina Household Magazine, and will be a pleasant visitant to every family circle. The January number will contain a lifelike picture, accompanied by a biographical sketch of ex-Gor. Z. B. Vance. This will be followed in succeeding numbers by photographs of eminent ministers, statesmen and other prominent characters. Among these will be Bishop Atkinson, Gov. Graham, Senators Ransom and Merrimon, and Rev. Dr. Deems.

MORNING STAR an extract from a letter to the Windsor (Bertie) Times, in which a sensible position is taken on the usury question. The author of the letter in question is Mr. P. H. Winston, Jr., who is one of the officers of the present Legislature, and a gentleman of ability and influence.

USURY.

Editorial Correspondence Windsor Times.] Representative Dortch, of Wayne, in the way of insurance.

Supply and demand, regulate values, or rather the cost of production, all sumptuary temperance usury and other laws of like character do more harm than good,

Presidential and Vice Presidential Candldates. [Lynchburg News.]

It is altogether too soon to be naming the standard-bearers of the Democracy for the next Presidential campaign. We have said so before and we say it again. And as a journal which yields to no other in devotion to the South, we again warn the Southern people to let both the candidates he taken outside the South if the Northern Democracy deems it expedient. Our candidate is the SOUTH. "Measures, not men," is emphatically our motto. Elect two good Democrats, and we care not where they come from. What good could a Southern Vice President do the South? It might do the man elected some flood, but no one else. And the nomination of a Southern man as Vice President might defeat awhile. In the words of Father Ritchie, "Stand aside and let the fluid pass."

General Longstreet, A correspondent of the New York World, writing from New Orleans, makes the following allusion to one

of Lee's favorite lieutenants: General Longstreet, for so many years the courage and mainstay of the faltering carpet-baggers of this State, has been brought to a bed of he may never more rise. Hated, abho red by those who once follove him even into the valley of death, his end, with all his faults, will be a sad one. If he had died when he pet and pure as any in the land, save one, a nation would have mourned his loss, but to-day he will pass away a thing to be despised, unwept, unhonored and unsung."

Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, | Canafoharie Radii of the empire, | take another bite.

- Fastidious Richmond rejected Aimee "because she kicked too high." - In South Carolina the official majority of Chamberlain for Govern-

- Albany, Ga., claims a negro whose brow has been fanned by the zephyrs of one hundred and eleven

- Ah You is the exclamatory name of a Chinaman strongly suspected of murder in Marysville, Cal., but just released for lack of legal evidence against him, and "Ah, you!" is what the hoodlums howl at him in the

- Washington special to Cincinnati Gazette: "A personal friend of Senator Morton, who arrived here today, brings information from the Senator that he will probably remain in California through the winter and will not attempt to take his seat at the coming session,"

- Courier-Journal: Nobody can blame Brother Talmage for preaching against the theatre if he really thinks it is a wicked institution, but he ought not to talk about plowing it up in defiance of earth and hell. Such language is impolite. Indeed, tions for Selicitors. Price 00. Address as [oct 9-3mos it is worse-it is unagricultural.

SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE

A Slight Change for the Better. [Charleston News Correspondence.] COLUMBIA, Nov. 28.

If the action of the House of Representatives on several important measures yesterday means anything it means practical reform, but whether that action can be taken as an index of the future policy of the majority can only be proved by time. The history of past legislation in South Carolina is a melancholy example of the eccentricities of reguery. In this N. A. STEDMAN, Jr. instance, however, the majority seem to be earnestly bent upon reform, and they are entitled to especial credit for what has been done. In the first place about \$5,000 was saved the State by the action of the House on voting down a resolution offered by We print in this number of THE | Humbert, of Darlington, instructing the clerk of the House to subscribe for the Columbia and Charleston papers for the use of the members during the session. This resolution was tabled by a vote of 96 to 11. While the majority of the members of the House need the enlightening and civilizing influences of the daily papers it is only proper that they should foot the bills out of their own private funds, and they are, therefore, to be commended for their action. The next thing that is worthy of commendation is the action of the same body introduced a bill to-day amending in reference to the class of incorpora- ORPHAN ASYLUM. the present usury law so as to apply | tion bills which the reconstructed to banks, and providing for a forfeit- legislator of South Carolina delights ure of double the sum loaned in case so much to revel in. The question of a violation. We think that usury | was made and settled at the very Money is the representative of labor. in the matter may be regarded as a If a man works one hundred days and | finality. One of Leslie's sable colgets one hundred dollars and lends it | leagues from Barnwell, who appears to a neighbor he is not allowed to to be not so intently bent upon "recharge him more than eight dollars form" as his leader, the ex-land comfor the use of it for a year. But if he | missioner, introduced a bill to charter buys a horse with the one hundred the Leslie Republican Club of Barndollars he can hire him to a neighbor | well. Now, under the rules of the for a year, charge him twenty-five previous House, all bills were printed dollars hire (or 25 per cent. on his as soon as reported by the commithundred dollars) and nobody's feel- tees, and the one item of printing ing are hart. Usury laws defeat the bills of incorporation alone must have object for which they are passed .- | cost from \$10,000 to \$15,000 every They make interest high instead of session. Upon the reading of the low; since lenders will always charge | Leslie Republican bill by its title, more than the worth of their money | Mr. Crittenden, of Greenville, called the attention of the House to the law passed at the last session, which provides that all such corporations shall be chartered by the Court of Common Pleas, and that ninety days' notice by publication must be given of the intended introduction of any such bill in the Legislature. He also called the attention of the House to the expense that would accrue to the State for the printing of such bills, and made the point that, under the omnibus incorporation act alluded to, this bill should be ruled out unless proof was offered that the legal notice required by law had been given. The Speaker stated that while he was in sympathy with the object of Mr. Crittenden, he was compelled to rule that, while the informality noted might be fatal to the legal existence of the corporation sought to be chartered, yet it did not prevent the introduction of the bill. He suggested that the difficulty might be met in two ways: first, by a resolution declaring that the House refused to entertain the bill, and, secondly, by a change in the rule requiring all bills to be printed. Mr. Crittenden moved to indefinitely postpone the consideration of the bill and the motion was carried. At a later period of the day Mr. Crittenden introduced a resolution declaring that the House refuse to receive or consider any incorporation bills included in the act passed. tion bills included in the act passed at the last session and known as the

mons vote.

omnibus incorporation act, and this

too was adopted by an almost unani-

The South Desires no Reaction. H. V. Redfield in Cincinnati Commercial. The general feeling is just this: "We have not got our head entirely out of the lion's mouth; go slow, boys." The desire to go slow, to be cautious and circumspect, to do nothing to cause a backward flow of the tidal wave, is strong in the hearts of 999 Southern men out of thousand. This feeling, so strong, so universal, will control, and whatever George Ticknor Curtis and the New York World may propose in the way of revolutionary legislation, you may rest assured the South will not take part nor share in expire represent the States of California, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine,

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