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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD. WILMINGTON, N. C. SUNDAY MORNING, JAN. 12, 1879.

LETTER INVESTIGATION CONTINUED.

The people at this time take a natural interest in the Congressional investigations that have been ordered.

We have again and again insisted that the proposed investigation should not be partial but general.

The Louisville Courier-Journal, like the Morning Star, thinks it eminently appropriate to the day that the Radicals should exercise some of their anxiety for disfranchised voters in the Northern States.

But how about the voters of the South? Is it fair and serene in that quarter? If the Radical argument is to be accepted, that a reversal of majorities is a certain indication of intimidation and ballot corruption, then Maine is liable to investigation.

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Our readers are perhaps acquainted as to the fact that Radical leaders seriously insist that because majorities have been reversed in certain districts that it is prima facie evidence that bulldozing has been practiced.

about the election in Waldo being possible. When a Democratic Greenback candidate receives more majority than there are Democratic Greenbackers in the District, it is evidence enough that fraud, bulldozing, violence and even murder, must have been committed.

"No investigation is called for. The United States Commissioners are idle, Deputy Marshals rust in idleness, witnesses have no occupation. Let the public ask themselves whether such a revolution as took place in Maine, among intelligent white people of strong convictions and well organized, was more likely to happen in South Carolina, among ignorant colored people, without organization, badly demoralized, without leaders and in three-fourths of the State, without candidates! Political miracles are as possible in the South as in New England, and are more probable as being more necessary."

The Mormon delegate in Congress from Utah, one Cannon, is much excoriated over the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court. He sees danger and trouble ahead to his people under that ruling.

"Cannon is now directing his efforts to have the administration take a position that the decision will be regarded as prospective, and shall not be enforced as to existing Mormon marriages. The argument made is that, if the decision should now be rigorously enforced, it will bring desolation into many honest homes, as even the enemies of polygamy must admit that there are many sincere believers in Mormonism, and to enforce this law would cause indescribable suffering and bring ruin to many worthy people."

Cannon is a polygamist, and still he is allowed to hold a seat in our highest legislative body, in defiance of decency and law. There is no argument that will hold why polygamy shall be tolerated in one Territory and punished elsewhere.

The Cabinet will have to consider the matter maturely. If the administration fails to execute the law will it be doing right? Will polygamy die out with the present generation if the United States condones the crime now? Will not a failure to execute the law be a bid for or incentive to the continuance of the evil indefinitely?

"Should such a policy be adopted it would be equivalent to declaring that Mormonism should be tolerated during the lifetime of the Mormons now living, but that no more polygamous marriages can be contracted, and that with this generation that notion, at least, of the religious belief and practices of the Mormon Church must be abandoned."

As the great historical play of "Julius Caesar" is to be presented to a Wilmington audience on Monday night, it would be well for those who purpose to attend to take their "Shakespeare" in hand and read up. They will relish the acting the more if they are familiar with the greatest of Roman plays by the immortal English dramatist, although it is not one of his most masterly productions.

By common consent Caesar is regarded as the greatest name in his history. So Shakespeare regarded him, for he avers that he was "the foremost man of all this world." And so historians and critics have regarded him. DeQuincy said there "was but one Rome, and Rome had but one Caesar." An eminent writer says, "he was great in all he undertook as a captain, a statesman, a law-giver, a jurist, an orator, a poet, an historian, a grammarian, a mathematician and an architect."

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ed soldier and statesman of Spain, whose death was announced on Thursday. He was born in 1779, and had a most eventful and, in some sense, splendid career, carrying his war by his good sword from obscurity to the highest place in his country, next to the crown.

"Spain mourns to day a great man dead, Don Baldomero Espartero, Duke de la Victoria, Marshal and some times King of the Kingdom, soldier and statesman. Few lives have been more brilliant than this that came to an end yesterday, for few beginnings so humbly have ended in such high estate. Espartero was born the son of a poor shoemaker and died a grandee of Spain. He was the youngest of nine children."

The public debt of Tennessee is \$2,474,017, principal and interest. Governor Porter says in his message: "The settlement of this debt is paramount to all questions of legislation that can engage the attention of the General Assembly."

It really does look as if United States District Judge Blodgett, of Chicago, should be inquired into. When six thousand citizens become convinced of the disreputable conduct of a Judge it is about time to examine into the matter.

We have received the "Biennial Report of the North Carolina Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind," and a very interesting one it is. The number of pupils attending during the last two years was 263. There were 70 males among the deaf mutes, and 71 females. Among the blind there were 61 males and 56 females.

Senator Thurman's letter to the Senate Committee. WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Senator Thurman, in his letter to the committee of invitation at Columbus, Ohio, this evening, expresses his regret that the severe weather prevented his attendance, and offers some reflections upon the toast "Jackson Democracy," upon which the Senate had been appointed to speak.

In the hurry of epitomizing the message of Gov. Vance we failed to express any opinion as to its merits as a State paper. The outline we gave indicated its wide range and thoroughness. We are glad to be able to agree with so much that the Governor recommends, and which he has presented so clearly and forcibly.

Georgia is improving in its educational matters. It shows a healthy progress in educating its children. In 1873 there were 136,244 children who could not read or write. In 1878 there were but 56,430. This is a large number, and the probability is that it will steadily diminish, and by 1895 there will be possibly not 25,000 in the entire State who can neither read nor write.

West Virginia is hankering after the whipping post. At any rate a resolution looking to its establishment has been introduced in the House of Delegates, and it has been referred to a special committee. Will North Carolina be established, it ought to be done for many offences that now cost the State a good deal to punish the criminals.

The Wilmington (N. C.) Star advocates General W. S. Hancock as the Democratic candidate for President in 1880.

This country has had enough of epaulettes and swords for a long time to come. The Star has said nothing to authorize the above statement.

Forney recently published sketches of Cushing and Godey, and they died quickly. The question is, did Forney kill them? The New York World concludes that he can "make his journal of great good to the country and to mankind."

We agree with the Star and say let us have a reduction, and let us begin at the top and come to the bottom. Some of our State and county officers are receiving all too double what they earn, and others are nearer what they should be.

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MISCELLANEOUS. M. CONLEY, Auctioneer. BY GEORGE MYERS.

Mortgage Sale. BY VIRTUE AND IN PURSUANCE OF THE EXECUTION OF A DEED OF MORTGAGE executed by George Leonard and wife to Edward Kiddy & sons, bearing date the 15th day of October, 1877, and registered in Book 7111, page 218 of the Register of Deeds in the County of New Hanover, North Carolina, the undersigned, an Attorney for the said mortgagee, will offer for sale at public auction, at Exchange Corner, in the City of Wilmington, on

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