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### The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMIN'GTON, N. C.

THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 24, 1885.

### EVENING EDITION.

CHRISTMAS.

A merry and rational Christmas to one and all! This is the day that by common consent the disciples of Jesus have agreed to celebrate as the birthday of the Saviour of sinners. It is not meant, however, to say that the 25th of December is the actual day on which he was born. Eminent scholars have placed it at a different time of the year-possibly in April or May. But this is the day which Christianity has accepted as the one on which to commemorate the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ and the redemption of all believers through the merits of his atoning and sacrificial death on Calvary. It is a day for quiet, sober, reasonable enjoyment and thanksgiving. It ought not to be spent in wassail and excess-in noisy frolic and bacchanalian orgies, but in feasting, in thanksgiving, in praise, in worship, in rejoicing that the world has been redeemed and a new and living way has been opened up from earth to Heaven. Let the children be happy and have their fun. Let them pop the crackers, send off their fireworks, eat their goodies and be glad all over, but the grown people should be more subdued in their enjoyment and should blend religious worship with the pleasures of the season.

The birth of the Saviour was indeed a great event for the worldthe greatest of all time save His death on the cross. It brought down from Heaven the Eternal Son of God. It lifted a sin cursed world from its mire and filth upward toward the brighter and more beautiful world above. In that birth it was made manifest to all of the sons of men that Heaven stooped to pity the human race and to save the lost and ruined by transgression. God sent forth his well beloved Son to die a ransom for many, The Eternal Jesus condescended to become the child born and the Son given. Leaving behind all that preexistent glory in which He had forever dwelt and wrapping about Him the habiliments of flesh the Son of God came into this lower world, a pledge and prophecy of the redemption and glorification of sinners, and began His great work that ended amid the tragedies of the Cross and culminated in His glorious resurrection and ascension. Then it was that Death was slain and Satan was vanquished. The proclamation was sounded and earth's remotest bounds heard it's echo-"Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." These Christmas times should

awaken in us a more kindly, sympa-

thetic, tender feeling for our race.

It should excite our noblest desires

Christmas spirit is a Christian spirit,

and that means holiness, fidelity, be

nevolence, mercy, goodness, love. The Christmas time runs over with innocent joy and hopefulness and good will. Why cannot this spirit of peace and good will permeate and accompany the whole year through?

Christmas times ought to be provocative of good works. It is the time for open-handed charity. The poor are around you. Will you gladden this day one lonely soul? Will you crown with plenty one empty board, or will you-like the mean custom is-give good gifts to those who have abundance, and lard the already fat sow?

The Richmond Christian Advocate thus discourses upon presenting gifts to the Saviour upon this, His natal

"The true joy of the season belongs only to those who are truly thankful for the event it celebrates. This joy is appropriately expressed in adoring homage and grateful offerings. The first Christmas was thus observed by the Magi. They worshipped and presented gifts. Our own recognition of the day should be expressed in the same manner. Hymns of thanks. in the same manner. Hymns of thanksgiving may well be sung. Discourses on a theme so full of historical and spiritual in-terest may well be heard. Kindred spirits may appropriately gather around the fes-tive board and social hearth and renew the iment of Christian love. But nothing can be consistently said or done which tends to lower the tone of personal piety, or to suggest to sinners that all is well with

"The infant King feceived not only expressions of homage, but munificent offerings. He is still entitled to a royal share in our liberality. Our Christmas presents to one another would be very ungracious if our Divine Benefactor were forgotten. Children especially should be taught that their contributions to Christian beneficence are never so richly due or so heartily welcome as on Christmas day.'

In giving to the poor of Jesus you are giving to Him. Remember that. Let the bells ring out. Let the songs go up. Let the heart rejoice and be glad. Heaven appeals to the world. The Immaculate One showers down His largesses upon an ungrateful world. Let the hearts of men respond in sincere thanksgiving and free bounty and may the spirit of Christ abide in the soul of every child of Adam! May this day be in a noble sense A MERRY CHRISTMAS

France is threatened with a crisis. On the 30th of January, 1886, the term of office of President Grevy expires. Under the Constitution of France the people do not elect the President, but the Senate and Chamber of Deputies. The term of office is seven years. There are several parties in France, and among them are the Orleanists and Bonapartists At present there is not much prospect of either a Bourbon or a Bonapartiet being chosen, but the Government is so strong-so centralized -so little like the American Republic prior to 1861, that it need surprise no one if in the near future Monarchy should be the final outcome. Both Orleanists and Bonapartists are strong for the restoration of a Monarchy and they constitute an aggressive and active minority that wield no little influence in creating public sentiment. The Republicans lost heavily in the late elections and this shows the drift of sentiment. The Baltimore American says of the

"The republic is not so fond of display as a monarchy, and its expenditures in splendor are meagre compared with those of a regal or imperial court. A large part of the shop-keepers of Paris, therefore, prefer a monarchy to a republic. The same may be said of the wielders of the money power. Even the army contains a large number of men who secretly-if not openly -would like to see a restoration of the empire. What the Republicans desire, then, is a man whose Presidency will not be a continual menace of a coup d'etat. It will be remembered how critical was the situation when Marshal MacMahon was President, and a coup d'elat seemed imminent for weeks. The steady nerve and the patience of the Republican leaders at that time, particularly Gambetta, saved France from this danger, and not only maintained, but strengthened the republic. But France does not intend to place herself again in

this danger if she can avoid it. The present President is a man of excellent character, of superior abili ties and of moderate aspirations. He is not a revolutionist and his re-election is altogether probable.

GENS. PORTER AND GRANT. It is known that Gen. Grant a few years before his death changed his opinion as to the merits of the case of Gen. Fitz John Porter, after he had given the case a close examination. This of course was very gratifying to Gen. Porter and his friends. Indeed, the Democrats generally were glad, for Gen. Porter is one of them, and the disgrace placed upon him was more political than anything else. Gen. Grant refers to Gen. Porter as the "deeply-wronged man," and so the South has always held. Gen. Grant's letter was written to President Arthur and during the first year of his administration. The following passage is very creditable to the writer, and shows that he was capable of much more nobler and generous things than soldiers of the and most generous impulses. The Sherman and Sheridan type:

"The reading of the whole of the record has thoroughly convinced me that for these nineteen years I have been doing a gallant

and efficient soldier a very great injustice in thought and sometimes in speech. I ever hes in my power to remove from him and from his family honor the stain upon his good name."

Gen. Grant urged upon the Presi dent to do what he could to secure final justice for Gen. Porter. The whole treatment of him was malignant and infamous.

It is more than doubtful if coal is not deleterious to health and induc tive of diseases of the respiratory organs. It is a fact that one-ninth of the human race die from diseases of those organs, and it is unfortunate if so comfortable a thing as coal really aggravates those diseases and increases the mortality. At any rate there are facts that seem to justify the raising of the question, Is coal as healthful as wood as a fuel? Mr. J. R. Randall, of the Augusta Chronicle, in one of his recent very enjoyable letters from Washington to his paper, writes thus:

"Dr. Foster, in his pamphlet, says that New Orleans heads the list for consumption. A Creole told me that this disease had been almost unknown among his people until the introduction of coal for fuel and other 'modern improvements.' I have no doubt that the same processes, in this place, lead to similar results. It may be, therefore, that the open doors of Southern houses are really health preserving. Old Gov. Wise used to say that the man who opened a door and failed to shut it, let in angel unaware. Such is the importance of fresh atmosphere."

Mr. Joseph Cowen was the Irish member who was singled out by Mr. Parnell for political ostracism, and all Irishmen were urged to vote against him. But he was elected from Newcastle-on-Tyne. He is man of ability, is an Irishman, and will doubtless support the Liberals in Parliament. He has issued a manifesto to his constituents. We quote a passage in which he favors the Gladstone plan for Ireland and says:

"It is impossible for England to consent to protective tariffs for Ireland, to the confiscation of the property of landlords in Ireland, or to allow the Irish members to legislate on the home affairs of England in addition to having their own Parliament. With these exceptions, I approve of home rule for Ireland. Paper guarantees for the representation of minorities, the equitable partition of all imperial charges, and the unity of the empire, in my opinion, are useless. The best security against a dis ruption of the union is the mutual interests existing between England and Ireland."

#### CURRENT COMMENT.

-- Mr. Gladstone's friends say that the "grand old man," the treechopper and statesman, is in fine trim for Parliamentary leadership despite the fact that he is seventysix years old. Just at the age when most Americans have shuffled off the mortal coil, or else have "retired," broken down physically and mental ly, Gladstone is planning work that will occupy him, if he lives, seven or eight years. And the amount of work he does! We hear of great capitalists in New York, great operators in Wall street, great manufacturers in New England, and men who manage great estates, being har-rassed to "death" and unable to sleep well at night. The prominent financiers of this country have indeed great cares upon their mind; but the Jay Goulds and the Vanderbilts do not live long. They wear out and become prematurely old or die at the age of three-score: Gladstone has weightier matters on his mind every day, and has to do more thinking and directing than any millionaire magnate in New York or Boston. And he suffers not from insomnia, but sleeps like a log after retiring at the hour of 3 o'clock in the morning, having dined fashionably between the hours of 9 and 11. and by way of digestion written a Latin essay or Greek poem. - Richmond (Va.) State.

- The action of Dakota is not without precedent. The opposition is purely partisan. Dakota is apt to be admitted to the Union when the House shall have become Republican, and the minority in the lower branch of Congress expect that to happen at the next elections. If that should occur, it will be attributed to the President's silver policy and civil service reform. Dakota is treeless but well watered and fertile. The summer and fall seasons are enchanting, but in winter the mercury falls thirty degrees below zero. Game is abundant. The cities of 3,000 inhabitants there have much better hotel accommodations than Augusta. It is a common thing to see fashionably dressed ladies driving out in splendid equipages while painted Indian squaws and braves squat, in stolid wonder, on the sidewalks, so closely does civilization impinge on barbarism. The twilight lasts until eleven o'clock, p. m., and anybody can read without artificial means up to that hour. Mr. Stephens, in his day here, was in favor of the admision of this territory, because it had all the essentiel elements of a commonwealth. - Augusta Chronicle.

### A STORY OF WAR TIMES.

Battleboro Headlight. "I thought this was the land of Far, Pitch and Turpentine," said a Northern gentleman the other day to the Headlight reporter, "but I don't see any—and right here beside the Tar river, too?"

"It is here, though you may not see it," we replied, "and your remark re-minds us of a similar one made by a Connecticut Regiment which came down here during the war?"

tured Washington the citizens rolled all their turpentine into the Tar river, and this regiment continually referred to the absence of our natural

One day, however, it occurred to those soldiers to take a bath in the river. Six of them dived headforemost into the water simultaneously, and never appeared again. Six more went after them, and were absent at the next roll-call. The citizens chuckled and the remaining soldiers wondered. A week afterwards the river suddenly fell, and there the mystery lay bare. The faithful tar had securely held the invaders and there were a round dozen Yankees sticking feet upward to the sun! No further reference was made to the absence of turpentine."

"Hum," remarked the Northern gentleman, "Is that a fact?" "It is; and they had to use a donkey engine to pull those Yankees

The Silver Dollar.

In an excellent article on the silver question the Culpeper (Va.) Exponent has the following pointed remark to make upon the subject:

"We are opposed to any scheme which tends to contract the currency. What the people need, is a plenty of money, circulating in every direction, all over the country, so that every kind and manner of industry will feel the stimulus. We don't believe any country can prosper for any length of time, with only one kind of money in circulation. Germany is trying it and so is England, but times are distressingly hard in both countries. France, on the contrary, uses both silver and gold, and is in a much more prosperous condition than either of the others. If the government should demonetize silver, how much gold could be found in Culpeper? Not half enough to pay our taxes, we are certain. We say let the silver stay as it is. It was good enough for our ancestors, and should be for us."

Christmas Day. The earliest mention of the 25th of December as Christmas day is found in an ancient catalogue of church festivals about 354 A. D. And it is surprising to see with what alacrity the date was received and the Nativity celebrated throughout Christendom. It seems as if the world had been waiting for this festival of divine and human childhood and was ready to welcome it at once with songs of joy. In the year 360 it was celebrated in Rome by vast multitudes thronging the churches. Twenty years later Antioch had taken it up with great popular enthusiasm. And in a little more that fifty years from its earliest suggestion the observance of December 25th as the day of the Nativity had become the universal practice of Christians. St. Chrysostom, in a Christmas sermon preached at Antioch, called it the fundamental feast, or the root from which all other Christian festivals

Rev. Sam Jones on Progressive Euchre There is no more outrageous piece of gambling than progressive euchre. It is the most insidious game that is played. If I were going to gamble I'd get me a black bottle and a deck of cards and sit down with some old crony and play seven-up.

#### OUR STATE CONTEMPORARIES.

We are not ignorant of the fact that the country is full of educational cranks and loonies at the heads of colleges, academies and high schools. And we also know the Legislatures and the Congress of the United States are not without their political and educational cranks and fools, and we are not exactly blind to the fact that this broad land of ours is full of political editorial cranks, whose stock in trade is education and civil service nonsense and balderdash. But all these facts combined will not justify any true Democrat or honest Republican, who believes the States have any rights the Federal Government ought to respect, in voting for the Blair bill. It is considered a very small thing for the Federal power to invade the jurisdiction of the State by some, but it seems to us a very grave subject; one that demands the serious attention, and earnest thought and prayerful consideration of all thoughtful men. - Scotland Neck Democrat.

Poor fool negroes who are going away from North Carolina to Kansas and Arkansas! They will die in Kansas with cold weather, and in Arkansas with malarial fever, and those who survive will not have money enough to get back home An intelligent gentleman said to us the other day, he wished 500,000 negroes would go away from North and South Carolina, and that would learn white men and boys to go to work or starve. Too many people are trying to live in towns and cities, without work, who have no trades or profession.-Charlotte Democrat.

It is a little singular that while a large number of the people and papers of North Carolina favored Rev. Dr. Milburn for Chaplain of the House at Washington, not a single Representative from the State voted for him. Is the once great sympathy for the "blind and crippled" dying out?— Louisburg Times,

- Tariff revision was defeated in the last Congress by putting some of its worst enemies in positions of influence and power in the House. Is that grave error to be repeated in the Forty-ninth Congress ?— Phil. Record, Ind. Dem.

- The Wilmington Every Evening evidently considers our Sam a flock by himself. In classifying the vote in the House on distributing the appropriation bills it says the negative yote was 70-30 Republicans, 39 Democrats, and Mr. Randall .- Phil. Record, Ind. Dem.

- When John A. Logan gets off that big speech he is preparing he will turn loose upon the cold, cold world a collection of broken back adjectives and spavined verbs that will certainly have no visible means of support, because no one else would adopt them —Baltimore Times. A Sad Case of Poisoning.

s that of any man or woman afflicted with disease or derangement of the liver, resulting in poisonous accumulations in the blood, scrofulous affections, sick-head-aches, and diseases of the kidneys, lungs or heart. These troubles can be cured only "Well, when you Yankees cap
inds us of a similar one made by a connecticut Regiment which came own here during the war?"

"How was that?"

"Well, when you Yankees cap
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#### THE LATEST NEWS.

FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

OYSTER WAR.

Maryland Dredgers Resist a Police Steamer-A Fierce Fusilade Kept up for Some Time-Cannon Shot Used by the Steamer-Result of the Fight

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.] BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.-A special from Easton, Md., says a fierce battle took place in Poplar Island Narrows, Tuesday night, between a fleet of eight dredge boats and one of the oyster police steamers, probably Captain Griffith's boat, the Gov. Thomas. The steamer came into the Narrows about 11 o'clock at night, found the dredgers at work, and attempted to arrest them. They resisted and opened fire on the steamer, which was returned at first with small arms. A flerce fusilade was kept up for some time. The dredgers made it hot for the steamer until her captain opened on them with his cannon. This silenced their fire and put them to flight. They started off down the bay, pursued by the steamer, firing cannon shot at them, and passed out of sight of the spectators on shore, many of whom had been aroused from sleep by the noise of the battle. The witnesses of the fight from shore could not tell what damage was done to either side, but the firing was so fast and furious and lasted so long, that they think there must have been some killed or wounded.

#### FOREIGN.

The Wales Coal Mine Explosion-Seventy-five Corpses Recovered-Pitiful Scenes in the Vicinity of the

By Cable to the Morning Star. LONDON, Dec. 24.-A despatch from Pont Predd, Wales, this morning, says that seventy-five corpses have been recovered from the Ferndale pit, where the explosion occurred yesterday, and it is feared that others are buried in the debris. The scenes in the vicinity of the mine are pitiful. At day-break this morning a fresh body of volunteers began exploring the pit, and are working manfully in the attempt to recover the bodies.

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WILMINGTON MARKET

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 25, 4 P. M. SPIRITS TURPENTINE-The market was quoted dull at 35 cents per gallon

No transactions reported. ROSIN-The market was quoted quiet at 80c per bbl for Strained and 85c for Good Strained.

TAR-The market was quoted firm a \$1 00 per bbl. of 280 lbs., with sales of receipts at these figures

CRUDE TURPENTINE-Market steady at \$1 50 for Virgin and Yellow Dip and \$1 00 for Hard.

COTTON-Market quiet at quotations. Small sales (about 25 bales) reported ones basis of 8 18-16 cents per lb for Middling. The following were the official quo

Ordinary..... 7 9-16
Good Ordinary..... 7 9-16
Low Middling..... 8 6-16 cents # f Middling...... 8 13-16 " Good Middling...... 9 3-16 "

RICE.-Market steady and unchanged We quote: Roven: Upland 80c@\$1 00 per bushel; Tidewater \$1 00@1 15. CLEAN: Common 41@41 cents; Fair 41@51 cents Good 51@51 cents; Prime 51@51 cents; Choice 61@61 cents per ib.

TIMBER.-Market steady, with sales as follows: Prime and Extra Shipping, first class heart, \$9 00@10 00 per M. feet; Extra Mill, good heart, \$6 50@8 00; Mill Prime, \$6 00@6 50; Good Common Mill \$4 00@5 00; Inferior to Ordinary, \$3 00 @4 00.

PEANUTS-Market steady at 31 cents for Prime, 35 cents for Extra Prime, and 89@40 cents for Fancy, per bushel of

> DOMESTIC MARKETS By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]

Financial. NEW YORK, Dec. 24, Noon,-Money dull, strong and easy at 2@3 per cent. Sterling exchange 486@4852. State bonds neglected. Governments dull and strong.

Cotton dull, with sales to-day of 279 bales; middling uplands 91c; middling Or leans 9 7-16c. Futures steady, with sales at the following quotations: December 9.16c; January 9.20c; February 9.30c; March 9.42c; April 9.53c; May 9.64c Wheat lower. Flour quiet and heavy. Corn dull and lower. Pork steady at \$9 871@10 25 Lard firm at \$6 30. Spirits turpentine steady at 371@38c. Rosin steady at \$1 021@1 071. Freights steady.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.-Flour steady and quiet. Wheat-southern quiet and nominal: western steady and dull; southern red 90@94c; southern amber 76@77c; No. 1 Maryland 93c; No. 2 western winter red and January 86@86#. Corn-southern ir regular and active; western firm and active; southern white 414@46c; yellow 42@46c.

#### FORKIGN MARKETS. (By Cable to the Morning Star.)

LIVERPOOL. Dec. 24, Noon.-Cotton dull, with prices generally in buyers' favor; middling uplands 5d; middling Orleans 5 3-16d; sales 8,000 bales; for speculation and export 500 bales; receipts 25,000 bales, all of which were American. Futures steady at a decline; uplands, I m c, December and January delivery 4 60-64d; January and February delivery 4 60 64d; February and March delivery 4 60-64d; March and April delivery 5 1-64d; April and May delivery 5 4-64d; May and June delivery 5 7-64d; June and July delivery 5 10-64d.

Sales for the week 41,000 bales, of which 32,000 bales were American; speculation 1,300 bales; export 2,500 bales; actual export 4,500 bales; total imports 90,000 bales, of which 79,000 were American; stock 511,000 bales, of which 379,000 bales are American; afloat 235,000 bales, of which 222,000 are American.

5 P. M .- Uplands lm c, December delivery 4 60-64d, sellers' option; December and January delivery 4 60-64d, sellers' option; January and February delivery 4 60-64d, sellers' option; February and March de-livery 4 60-64d, sellers' option; March and April delivery 5 1-64d, sellers' option; April and May delivery 5 4-64d, sellers' option; May and June delivery 5 7-64d, sellers' op-tion; June and July delivery 5 10-64d, buyers' option; July and August delivery 5 18-64d, buyers' option 13-64d, buyers' option. Futures closed

easy. Sales of cotton to-day include 7,000 bases American.

London, Dec. 24, Noon-Consols, mone 99 3-16; account 99; 4 p. m., money 95 5-16; account 99 5-16.

New York Hice Market. N. Y. Journal of Commerce, Dec. 23. With fresh arrivals of domestic sorts much of which are of attractive character. we note a renewal of activity, and although the volume is not up to the average of last week, it is sufficiently large to cause hold-ers to maintain a bold front and talk very confidently in regard to the future. Medium styles are all the rage, as but little of strict ly prime and choice character are being sent forward, but whenever offered find ready buyers. It is said that there has been a very small per cent. made of such styles, and the indications up to the present fully bear out this assertion. There is a fair movement in the higher grades of foreign. but a total suspension of the demand in the lower sorts, which are very much higher as campared to equal grades of domestic. Quotations are: Carolina and Louisiana common to fair \$\frac{34}{34}c; fair to good at \$\frac{44}{944}c\$: good to prime \$\frac{54}{954}c\$; choice to head at \$\frac{64}{97}c\$; Rangoon, duty paid, at \$\frac{44}{944}c\$; bond at \$2\frac{1}{2}c\$; Patna at \$\frac{44}{944}c\$; Java at \$\frac{54}{954}c\$.

Charleston Rice Market. Charlesten News and Courier, Dec. 23. RICE -The market for rice was quiet today, and sales of only 145 barrels were @84c; fair 41@44c; good 5@54c; Prime 54 @54c.

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