

The Democratic Watchman.

BELLE FONTE, PA.

The Fire by the Sea.

There were seven fishers with nets in their hands...

Seven men in the days of old, and one was gentle...

The lize long night till the moon went out, in the dawning waters they beat about...

'Cast your nets on the other side'—(Twas Jesus speaking across the tide)...

Then Simon, girding his fisher's coat, went over the net and out of the boat...

And the others, through the mist so dim, in a little ship came after him...

The long, and long, and long ago, since the rosy lights began to flow...

The long ago, yet faith in our souls is kindled just by that fire of coils...

SOUTHERN BIRDS OF PREY.

A correspondent of the New York Sun, writing from Columbia, South Carolina...

In course of time the furniture and upholstery arrived, and was put in the State House...

There are about twenty small rooms in the State House, known as committee rooms...

in gilt 'House of Representatives, South Carolina.' They were involved by N. & D. at \$96 a dozen...

General Dennis kindly afforded the necessary facilities in elegant china-enameled toilet sets...

Jones is a poker-player and a clever fellow, but he doesn't even himself deny that he is a great rascal...

Some very funny scenes took place on adjournment night, which I think have never been chronicled...

The joke of it is that Wilkes was put on the Committee for effect, and it had the desired effect...

'Ah!' said a pious Sunday-school teacher, 'Carolina Jones, what do you think you would have been without your good father and mother?'

Matrimony Under Difficulties.

There is a part of the world (in Central Asia) where marriages are made on horseback...

There is another part of the world where a young man must take his bride from a household of old women...

A friend of mine, who once lived in Iowa, used to tell a story of a wedding that he witnessed...

Jenkins was a liberal provider, and weddings were not very frequent in his family...

On arriving on the plantation, he was locked up, and left for a short time, while a crowd was being assembled...

The Column Vendome, recently overthrown and destroyed by the insurgents in Paris...

There were more drinks, and then the couple again ascended the ladder to their bridal apartments...

'Now, look here, old man,' said Preston, as he bounded out of bed; 'there's been fooling enough around this ladder to night, and if you don't git I'll bust yer head.'

He picked up a cow-hide boot as he spoke, and advanced menacingly. A shrill voice from the bed urged him not to hurt "pa."

Preston accepted the explanation, and the result was that the couple rose and dressed and descended the ladder...

Voudouism--Barbarous Superstition in Louisiana.

We learn from the Houma Patriot of Saturday last that the colored people of Terrebonne are very seriously afflicted with a belief in Voudouism...

On the 17th inst. Morgan, with his family, visited the plantation of Messrs. Lapue & Baron, where among others he met George Furbin...

The same day a party of eight or ten men, armed with guns and pistols, went after Morgan, who lives on Mr. A. Leret's plantation...

On arriving on the plantation, he was locked up, and left for a short time, while a crowd was being assembled...

The Column Vendome.

The Column Vendome, recently overthrown and destroyed by the insurgents in Paris, stood in the place Vendome...

A Fashionable Woman's Prayer.

Strengthen mi husband, and may his faith and his money hold out to the last.

When I bow myself in worship, grant that I may do it with ravishing elegance, and preserve unto the last the lily white of mi flesh...

Enable me from wrinkles and foeter mi plumpness. Fill mi both eyes, oh Fortune, with the plaintive pizon of infatuation...

Smile, oh Fortune, most sweetly upon Deek, mi kanary, and watch over, with the fondness of a mother, mi two lily white mice with white eyes.

Enable the poor to shirk for themselves, and save me from all missionary beggars. Shed the light on thi countenance on mi kammell's hair shawl...

North and South.

George Francis Train, in one of his chain-lightning speeches in Memphis drew this distinction between the North and the South:

"You don't call me names here as they do in the North. There is something about the South which is manly. They are not afraid to say what they like."

THE QUESTION.—A teacher in a western county in Canada, while making his first visit to his constituents...

"I couldn't say, ma'am. Pray what did he teach?" "Wal, he told them this ere arth was round; and what do you think of such stuff?"

"Oh, these learned men say that it goes round the sun, and the sun holds it up by virtue of attraction."

LONG SERMON.—"So you came to hear me preach last Sunday, did you?" said a minister to a little boy...

"Yes, I went," and the child, "and I never was so tired in all my life. I thought you would never get done preaching!"

"The boy promised; and the minister kept his word. The sermon the following Sunday was shortened just fifteen minutes, to the satisfaction of the whole congregation."

All Sorts of Paragraphs.

The needlewoman's exclamation—Ahom. Meantime—The times when one's note falls due.

A snobbish lady up town boasts of owning "a certain plant that blooms every year." Papers are sometimes published in the interests of a ring...

The higher law—The law of doing what you like when you don't like what you are doing.

The farmers enjoy the summer season most of anybody. With them it is a perpetual holiday.

In dying, Rufus put his hand in his pocket. In life he put his hand in other people's pockets.

An Ohio statesman is described as "ninety four years old, and has lost much of the beauty of his youth."

A smart young lady lays her idea of a good home is a place where "cobwebs and kisses never go together."

What is the reason a candle won't burn any longer after it gets to the middle? Because it burns shorter.

The propeller and her pilot have this, with other variations, one has its wheel at the stern, the other has its turn at the wheel.

What is the difference between a plan of a battle-field and a roasted pop-pin? One is a war map—and the other a warm apple.

Persons should always dress about their figures. A hump-backed lady, for instance, ought to wear a camel-back shawl.

A late issue of a weekly paper apologetically says: "In the absence of both editors, the publishers have succeeded in securing the services of a gentleman to edit the paper this week."

A Warsaw reporter saw a war among the wives and widows of Warsaw, and remarks that 'of all the wars we ever saw, we never saw a war like the war we saw among the wives and widows of Warsaw.'