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T. W. BEATY, EDITOR. SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1877.

Governor Hampton left Columbia on Tuesday evening for Washington, where he was invited to a conterence with President Hayes and his Cabinet, in regard to the settlement of the dual government in this State. The letter of President Hayes, inviting Governor Hampton and Mr. Chamberlain to Washington, will be found on the fourth page, and the letter of Gov. Hampton accepting the invitation, as an act of courtesy to the President, we give below.

Governor Hampton's trip through North Carolina and Virginia was a they were meet by a committee of { artillery.

conference a fool can guess as correctly as the wisest man in the world That Mr. Hayes is dallying with time to relieve him from his awkward dilemma there can be no doubt. But we have no idea that Providence is he will have to deal with it square in the end.

One thing is certain, whatever flayes and his Cabinet may think of the sitthe people of South Carolina their take nothing less."

GOVERNOR HAMPTON'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT HAVES.

The Invitation of the President Accepted.

> STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, COLUMBIA, March 26, 1877.

Sin: I have the honor to acknowledge your communication of the 23d instant, addressed to me by your pri- made a bosom triend of him. vate secretary. As you express a desire for a personal conference with myself, I accept, through motives of proper courtesy to yourself, the invitation you have extended, though I cannot hope by doing so to throw ad- here from that State have gone home. another, which has remained visible already been so ably and thoroughly and Chamberlain to this city has been lar conflagrations are caused by celesis so obvious and simple; but understanding from the communication I my "views of the impediments to the peaceful and orderly organization of a but he don't believe it. single and undeputed State government in South Carolina, and of the best methods of removing them," I shall avail myself of your invitation so that I may retterate in person what I have had the honor to submit in writing, that, is my judgment, all impediments to the object so earnestly desired by yourself and so anxiously expected by the people of this State can at once be removed by the withdrawal of the Federal troops from our State House. This action on the part of the commander-in-chief of the United States forces would not only be hailed by our people as an evidence that civil authority is no longer to be subordinated to the military power in our country, but it would establish law, insure domestic tranquility, revive our wasted industries, and give an assurance that this State is to be restored to her just rights under the constitution. What ever grievances exist, whatever wrongs we suffer, we propose to redress them not by resort to force, but by legal and constitutional agencies. In seeking such redress, I feel sureand I represent fully the determination of the thoughtful and conservative portion of our whole people when I give the assurance-that no proscription shall be exercised here on account of political opinions; that no discrimination shall be made in the administration of justice, and that all citizens, of both parties and both races, shall be regarded as fully protected by and amenable to the laws. Joining most heartily with you in the earnest desire you express that you may be able to "put an end as speedily as possible to all appearance of intervention of the millitary authority of the United States in the political derangements with affect the government and afflict the people of South Carolina," and fervently trusting that this auspicious result may Columbia, Mr. Blaine is reported to light of the sub would act as a veil, soon be reached, I have the honor to have said that "he had invited Freder- and we should be instantly destroyed

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Let the President go South-Why Wheeler should not go-Frequent Cabinet Meetings-Southerners Discouraged and Going Home-The Next Speaker, etc., etc.

[Correspondence of the Horry News.] WASHINGTON, D. C.,

March 24, 1877.

Gen. Hayes is making a great misake in regard to his Southern Commission, whether he wishes in good faith to settle the Louisiana troubles, or desires only to draw out expressions of confidence and support throughout the South. The mistake is in not heading the party himself. given the same status in the Union He is selecting a civilian to lead it, and invites half a dozen other mostly old civilians to tail on after the leader. Electoral law in good faith. He says perfect triumphal ovation. Hundreds Now all the troubles in the South are Barke told him the agreement was and thousands greeted him and his intimately connected with the war, written by Stanley Matthews, and party at every station. In Richmond and Gen. Hayes and the men he must signed by Matthews, Foster, Garfield deal with bore honorable parts in the and John Sherman; that he had seen war. In a tour through the South it himself, also a letter of approval reception and welcomed with salvos of Hayes would meet thousands of men written and signed by Hayes. At who respect his manly part in taking first the Republicans proposed that What will result from this visit and the field mstead of remaining at home, Nicholls should promise not to proselike Wheeler, Hoar and others, and cute any Republican for political inviting neighbors to go. He could offence, but the Democrats objected, most successfully deal with these old and it was agreed that no Republican opponents if he should meet them in should he prosecuted except for crime in hopes that something will turn up person. He has the great opportunity that Grant had, but did not use. Even if he selfishly wishes only to develope any latent Southern enthusiasm over his "policy" he can most going to give him a lifting hand and effectually do so by going among the Southern people.

But, more than all this, there is an inseperable objection to Wheeler's going to Louisiana. He has been there. The present troubles are traceable to uaton in this State, there will beino the "compromise" he arranged on his compromise or 8 to 7 commission to turn former visit. He is Vice-President present speculation took place probab the State over to Chamberlain. Gov. because of that compromise. This the people of which brought the news to us, though Louisiana paid for that visit Let travelling at a rate sufficient to circle rand, bot to say to the President that him stay away. In Charles Read's the earth eight times in the course of the people of South Carolina have elec- novel Hard Cash, is given the expe- a second, had traversed millions upon ted him Governor, and to demand for rience of young Hardy, a very sound millions of miles before reaching us and sane man. Wishing to be rid of him last November. If a similar accident the unnatural father calls in a physic happen to our sun the creatures on rights, and "so help him God be will cian, and the physician pronounces the that side of the earth turned towards young man insane. After a time, be- him would be destroyed in an instant, ing sent from one machouse to another and the rest very quickly alterwards. Hardy finds himself in the keeping of The heavens would be dissolved, and the physician who had first certified the elements would melt with fervent to his insunity, and who fattens on his heat. Prof. Proctor recites a list of fortune while restraining bim. I sub- the sun conflagrations in the stellar mit that Dr. Wheeler is not the man, universe, the first one recorded having the facts in the case being known, to occurred some two thousand years go South for the purpose of dealing ago. It was seen blazing in the broad with Louisiana. Louisiana will not light of day, and it was its conflagrareceive him cordially. It is said of tion that first made it visible, when young Hardy that he could never get it was called a new star. There were get legal satisfaction from the physi- other star conflagrations in the years cian, but it is not recorded that he 945, 1264 and 1572, in the region of

the result of the two Cabinet meetings looked for again very soon. In 1596, yesterday, but all agree that no final 1604 and 1670 were seen still other decision was reached as to the move- new stars, revealing the same state of ments of the troops in South Carolina. conflagration, in the region of different Most of the conservatives who were constellations. In 1848 there was yet

The Much-Talked-of Agreement Between | dents of science left to record the Certain Demoorats and Hayes's effects, Friends. It is conforting to be told that the

chances are largely against our ex-

tiaction. Our sun is one among mil-

years less than twenty such catas-

trophes have been recorded. Mr.

Proctor moreover reassures us in

another way. He says in effect that

all but one of these conflagrations

[Telegram to the Richmond Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, March 24 .- A congressman who was a filibuster while the Electoral count was progressing, says, in regard to the agreement between certain Southern Democrats and Hayes's friends, heretofore men-tioned in these dispatches, that he inquired of Major Burke why the Louisiana delegation were in favor of letting Hayes have the Presidency. Burke, who was then Nicholl's pleni potentiary here, replied that they had positive assurances that the troops would be promptly removed, and South Carolina and Louisiana be snjoyed by any Northern State, provided the Democrats carried out the

Worlds on Fire.

The conflagration of a star, which causeed so much commotion in astronomical circles a few months ago, is made by Prof. Proctor the subject of an article in Belgravia. It we are to believe him this planet is liable to be scorehed out of existence any moment by the burning up of the sun.

The catastrophe which starts the the constellation Cassiopeia, where There are conflicting rumors as to another spectacle of the same kind is

have appeared in the zone of the Milky Way, and that one in a region connected with the Milky Way by a well-marked stream of stars; that the process of development is still going on in that region, but that if there be among the comets travelling in rugu. lar attendance upon the san one whose orbit intersects the sun's globe it must have struck before the era of man, and that in our solar system we may fairly believe that all comets of the destrucive sort have been eliminated, and that for many ages still to come the sun will continue to discharge his duties as fire, light and life of the solar

system.

Senator Robertson?Says Hampton Will land is rich or poor. Return Triumphant.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 28--Ex-Senator Robertson arrived from Washington this morning. He expresses perfect confidence in Hampton's speedy and perfect success, and thinks all complications in affairs here will be resolved within three or four days at farthest. He showed his faith by his works to-day, as he lost no time in paying in \$100 tax to the Hampton collector.

Two thousand dollars were received to day from Mr. Sears, the agent of the Peabody fund, for the benefit of the public schools in this city. J. A. Tolbert made a desperate but futile fort to get possession of the fund in his assumed capacity as superintend. ent of education, but Mr. Sears was correctly informed Was to "Tolbert's status, and the money was placed in other hands.

The Ellenton Affair.

The Democratic citizens of Aiken and Barnwell Counties, who are charged with conspiracy under the Ku-Klux Act, were summoned to Columbia last tall, but were denied the apportunity of confronting their accuers. It did not suit District Attorney Corbin, who represented the Government, to have the trials at that time, and the cases were continued. The programme is to bring the accused to Charleston for trial in the coming month of April. There may seem no hardship in this, to those who are not familiar with the facts; but in reality it will be a grievous injury to more than two hundred persons, mostly farmers, who cannot, without risking their whole_crop, leave home at that season.

The Ellenton aflair out of which the arrests grew was, in few words, the fort of a body of white citizens to effect an arrest for which there was a warrant, and to suppress, as a lawful posse, the resistance of an organized body of armed negroes to the magistrate and his constables. White citizens were ambuscaded, houses were burned down, the whole neighborhood was in commotion. There was a reign of terror in the 'county. No decisive engagement, between the whites and blacks, had taken place when the arrival of the United States troops induced the blacks to disperse. Seven or eight blacks and two white citizens Goodycar's Rubber Goods. were killed. Upon these facts the arrests were based. Colored witnesses were attracted to Aiken by the offer of fees, and, at a dollar and a half a day, perjared themselves to their intense satisfaction, The affidavits were ready, and the negroes signed whatever was presented to them. This was just before the election, and the object was to bolster up the current falsehoods about South Carolins, and to provoke, it possible, a collision between the accused citizens and the Federal officials. But the citizens cheerfully surrendered themselves, and there was no trouble whatever. It was thought that the prosecutions would be allowed to drop; but more blood, or blood-money, is demanded by Messrs. Corbin and Stone, and the trials are to go on. The accused are ready and willing to stand their trial. They can turn the tables on the prosecution. But they are, for the most part, poor men, who depend for their livelihood on their work at this time of year. To take them from their farms for two or three weeks in April 1s to inflict upon them an unnecessary wrong, in punishing them condignly before they have been proven guilty of any offence, before, indeed, true bills have, been found against them. It will not impair the dignity of the United States to allow the cases to lie over until the autumn, and if the law is to be admin. istered in mercy this postponement will be granted. The accused can then leave home safely, and without injury to their families. There is reason and justice in the request, and we sincerely hope that it will be granted .- News and Courier.

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The proposition to invite Hampton Mr. Proctor's belief is that these stelreviewed. In fact the Administration, tial contact with meteors travelling on apparently surprised at the intense eccentric paths or following in the feeling on the Southern question, is wake of comets. For years after a have received that the object contem- willing to accept any suggestion, Mr. comet has disappeared these meteors plated by the proposed conference is Hayes said yesterday, in his innocence, continue to follow in its path. that he was sure "the Commission And the more the progressive aswould settle everything satisfactorily,' tronomers tell us about these comets,

> Party in the South is being pushed by and meddlers of the skies, flying about supporters of the administration, the where they are not invited, and maklatest bait being to give the Speaker- ing it their business to attend to every ship of the House to some old line body's else affairs. It is asserted that whig now acting with the Democrats the tail of the comet of 1843 actually from that section. The coolness with grazed our sun. Newton's comet which these Hayes men, having stolen came very near it. At any time we the Presidency, assume that they can might be visited by a comet mightier manage other property not be than enther, travelling on an orbit inlonging to them, is refreshing. The tcraecting the sun's surface, followed Democrats have a clear majority in by flights of meteoric masses, enormthe next House, and will elect their ous in size and many in number, Speaker, as certainly as the House which, falling upon the sun, would assembles. Mr. Key attends to the excite his whole frame to a degree of Southern part of the P. O. business heat far exceeding what he now emits. and Mr. Typer to the Northern. The We have evidence of the tremendous reason why Hayes has two of these heat to which the sun's surface would officers is said to be because otherwise be excited in such a case. In 1859 he would have but seven ministers, and two meteoric masses came into conhe prefers eight to seven.

> sioner of Pesions will step down and whole frame of the earth at the very out pretty soon. There are numerous time when the sun had been thus disapplicants for the office, of course, as turbed. Vivid auroras were seen there are for all. It is to be hoped where they had never been seen bethat Secretary Schurz will find the fore, accompanied by electro-magnetic right man.

> > NEMO.

says: "While there is great reason to the pen of Bain's electric telegraph, believ that the withdrawal of the which writes the message upon chemitroops from New Orleans would be cally prepared paper. This was the effollowed by deplorable scenes of blood- tect of two meteors. The effect of a shed and turbulence in that State, comet, bearing in its flight many milthere does not seem to be the same lions of meteoric masses, falling upon justification for their retention in the sun-should that take place-can South Carolina. By withdrawing be understood. Our sun, seen from the troops at the Statehouse at Colum- some remote star whence ordinarily bia, President Hayes would reassure he is invisible, would shine out as a these who apprehend that he is new sun for a few days, while all 'weakening' in his Southern pacifica- things living on our earth, and whattion policy."

DOUGLASS AND BLAINE .- In the tably be destroyed. If a comet came debate in the Senate, which occurred out of that part of the Constellation upon the nomination of Frederick Taurus, arriving in such a time as to Douglass for marshal of the District of fall upon the sun in May or June, the be, very respectfully, your obedient ick Douglass to his house and treated without knowing anything about it.

the worse fellows they-the comets-The attempt to revive the Whig appear to be. They are the gadders tact with the sun. The downfall of It is said to-day that the Commis- only these two bodies affected the disturbances all over the world! In many places the telegraph struck work, the signal-men received severe shocks, The Washington Star (Republican) and at Boston a flame of fire followed

ever other members of the solar system are the abode of life, would inevi-

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