MR. EDITOR :- I see a call for meeting of the citizens of Sumter County, at Sumter, on the first Monday in May, to appoint delegates to a Convention to be held at Columbia, on the 9th

I was glad to see the call, and know that our people are waking up to the subject of their grievances. have endured the oppression as as it is possible for us to stand it. writer knows some as good and honest citizens as there are in the country, who cannot possibly pay their taxes. Take. for instance, the old and infirm, white and colored, the widows and orphans. Yea, sir, take some of our most industrious young men, with large families and but little means : How is it possible for them to support those dependent upon them, do their duty to God in the way of benevolence, and pay their taxes? It is utterly impossible.

It may be said, we must support our Government. This we can do, and feel able to do : but not such a Government as we now have. Why is so much necessary to support it? Sir, it is not ne cessary. Let the people send some of our conservative Legislators to the Convention, and they will tell the world it is not necessary. And we hope they will go prepared to show us the figures. Let such men as Generals Kershaw Butler and others gather all the facts and figures, and carry them to the Con-

The question may be asked, what can we do? We answer, let the facts and figures be given plainly and truthfully to our people and to the world, and pub-Legislators? Are they n any thing about politics, or the principles of political economy? Not a bit of it, sir. Mr. Calhoun said, to be a politician, it is necessary to be a good political economist. Who are the men in the Legislature who know anything about polities, or the principles of political economy? Ah, sir, it is sad to say how few. Some of our great men would say none. Some of our Legislators would say none, as compared with what we men in the Senate already. Blodgett, at have had. A Democratic, Representstive. Republican Government is complicated machine, and it takes master hands to rud it. The mass of us. if we would study it, would come to the conclusion that we are not canable of casting an intelligent vote. The writer

We counsel no resistance. Let the come. Our Divine Master will not let things go on this way, and permit His scontestants. It wont pay to contest people and His cause to suffer, as they are now suffering. Let us turn and look to Him for wisdom to direct us, The city of St. Louis is being very and for his Holy Spirit to influence us, So far as their place has been taken by

Who can be surprised at reckless mer Swhich to hold the next National Demo- who feel their oppression, resorting Patic convention. They claim, and to all sorts of means to get clear of it? rry truly too, that the city is pleasant Vigorous, active, industrious young men d healthy, centrally located and con- try hard to make a start (support) and enected by railroads with all parts of the they cannot, on account of the opprescountry, with hotel accommodations, sion. They become discouraged, and mapable of providing for the vast, num- restless, and finally desperate. They pers who will be present during the know, to come out and draw the sword folding of the convention. They also and shoulder the musket will not do. Islaim that such recognition of the im- They look in every direction for signs of mense and varied interests of the great a change and see none. Consequently, West, and the Democratic States there- feeling strong, they determine to take at, and also those of the Pacific Slope, things in their own hands, and resort to could tesult in great political good. The all sorts of means. Now this is all wrong. Democracy are well aware that the But who can be surprised at it? They West will bear a heavy share of the say the sober, intelligent people will not ight in the next Presidential contest, do any thing, so we will go ahead. So and much is expected of her. There is after all, the responsibility of their reat willingness to do night that will conduct rests upon us. Will we bear make ber strong, and members of Con- this responsibility any longer? We ress from other sections express them- hope not. We say, then, let us no to wes as strongly impressed with the work, and expose this unprecedented uments advanced in favor of St. oppression. Where there is intelligence, onis; and readily yield acquiesence. | human asture hates oppression. My est that those having the designs- word for it, we will have the intelligent of the place, will give heed to the everywhere with us. See, sir, how the as advanced in favor of St. Louis. North is coming out and throwing off

go back, both in the State and General

omical administration, so that the people

ars, would seem a favorable augury Governments, to a judicious and econ-

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19.

The Sumter Watchman has by far the largest circulation (especially in the surrounding country) of any paper published in Sumter, and was established in 1850.

One of the most significant signs of the times, indicating a change of Northern sentiment in regard to the policy to be nursued toward the South, is found in the recent remarkable utterances of ern outrages." When we regard Mr. BEECHER's ante-

cedents-his "welcome to Kossuth, when the organ-of Plymouth played the Marseillaise, and the Puritan communicants stamped and applauded"-his "war-cry. leading the family chorus-the contralto to the shrill tenor of Uncle Tom," and anon his fierce Sharp's Rifle declamation, firing up the hosts of abolition, against the South and slavery, to the maddest frenzy of fanaticism; and again his exultant eloquence, when what his friend Mr. Greely called "the flaunting lie," was rehabilitated among the ruins of Sumter. When all this, and what has seemed his great enthusiasm, and his unmistakable power in swaying the Northern masses, by appeals to passion and prejudice, are considered, his present utterances fall upon our cars producing something akin to amazement .-Can it be that Mr. BEECHER now writes ditorials, as the Washington Daily Patriot (Democratic organ) styles them, "full of wisdom and toleration and generosity." in connexion with further oppression of the South? But so it even is: and we find things so strangely and entirely turning around that we come to commend the magnanimity of a

The leading article to which allusion s made we find sketched in the Wash

ington Daily Patriot. It is entitled. "Where Are We?" and sets out with the postulate that the six rears which have elapsed since the civil war ended have been practically wasted, and that the process of what may be termed alien and coercive reconstruction has been an utter failure. Then follows the concession, made in the most manly way, that the local carpetbag governments bave been disastrous and "corrupt." "This," says Mr. lic opinion (intelligence) will break Beecher, "only partially indicates the week. When taken up in the Senate, mony prevailed. down this state of things. Who are our official knavery and incompetence, the sundry amendments were tacked on to The expenses of the past year were the highest offices, the gross debasement of politics, from which the South still suffers. Before the war, it was characteristic of this section that its best men -those of intelligence and character and high social standing-engaged in politics far more generally than the like class at the North. State and local officers were to a great er ent filled from this class. Almost to a man they were compromised by the rebellion. As their previous positions had very generally involved taking an oath of allegiauce to the United States, the legislation of Congress has excluded them from political rights and honors. In this way the oldest and most trusted leaders of the Southern communities have been shut out from a direct part in rub lic affairs. Say, if you please, that these men deserved punishment for giding the rebellion. But none the less is the loss to the body politic of its most experienced counsellors a grave misfortune. trusted chiefs breed alienation and bitmen from the North, these have not being felt just at this point. generally shown themselves expert

> conciliating the people." Not only is it conceded that the local Radical governments have been failures. but that Federal action has proved itself incompetent, and that now more than ever is it so, for, says he : "How can men be expected to give peace and harmony to the South who are not able to keep their hands from each other's

throats?" This premised, the actual measure Democrat, but a Radical-not a Bayard, against person and property are to be dealt with by the States. If one thing is forbidden by the Constitution, it is ercise unlimited authority over any justed upon a votafit. The protects by which it is sought thin as represented. It was the fallest to evade these barriers, not of the letter Scuate he had ever known for a Sature would justify any evasion of overthrow whatever." He design with equal Wilson thought the line had comwhatever." He denies with equal emphasis the profice success of mili-tary appealon, even if, so ne and imthe same. Let the word everywhere in securific only citi

THE SUMTER at this day, is an impertinence not to be Houses. tolerated. Justice and order in the Southern States are exceedingly degirable, but they cannot be imported thither. the form of government by force. But that done, force cannot make men

just, generous, or peaceable. Even if During further discussion, Trumbull force could work obedience, to use force charged that the efforts of the opponents upon such a scale in time of peace will essentially change the nature of our Government; and that is too large a next to impossible to have it acted upon price to pay for order in a hundred if they now allowed it to go over. Alabamas or Louisianas."

With an earnest and evidently sin. cere supplication to the "freedmen of the South," naturally the object of Mr. Beccher's affection, not to allow them selves in masses to be swayed or manipulated by alien intriguers, but "to break up and freely intermingle with the various political elements of the country," this very remarkable article

RADICAL PROSPECTS.

It is clear, from the recent speeches of Senator Monron and other leaders of the Radical usurpation, that the only stock in trade left the party is what may be hatched up and manipulated from the so-called "Southern outrages." This is the only hope of the dring party. To get up sufficient re-action in the North on this subject to carry the next Presidential election.

Senator Monron recently declared when speaking of the coming Presidential struggle, that all other questions of National policy or interest, sank into nsignificance along side of this-that t was to be the great theme, to the inpiration of which the flagging hosts of

This, then, is the hope of the partyple have timely warning.

We believe that the actual power, brough negative appliances, is in the hands of the Southern people, to bring Waterloo defeat to the Radical party in may the more speedily come.

THE KU KLUX BILL.

rannically oppressive, to wit: Extending State. the right of the President to suspend the writ of habras corpus to the end of the next session of Congress; requiring he iron-clad outh from Federal jurors under the bill; and assessing damages for destruction of property, &c., upon the localities where such destruction

On Saturday fast, the Bill as thus amended by the Senate, was brought up again in the House. The first of these smendments was defeated by a rote of 86 to 23; that requiring the iron-clad outh was rejected without division, and the third (which is known as Sherman's amendment), failed by 45 to 151. A Committee of Conference was ordered. and Shellabarger, Schofield and Kerr appointed on the part of the House. And thus the matter stood at last ac-

It thus seems that the House has ome to be the most conservative of the two bodies. And it is supposed that the

AMNESTY IN THE SENATE.

Our readers have been advised of the passage of a general Amnesty Bill, with some exceptions, by the House, as stated in the letter of our Washington corespondent, to-day.

On Saturday last, the following, under this head, occurred in the Senate. Robertson, sided by Mr. Sawyer, it is but liberal and just to say, have been active and influential in urging this

Robertson moved to take up his amendment to the order of business, so as to allow the House amposty bill to be con-

sidered at the present session.

Conkling remarked that this being Saturday, the Senate was very thin, a line.

Robertson replied, he had given fre

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time they recovered from the fatigue incident upon passing the Ku Klux bill, These questions are of great interest to met yesterday. An amnesty bill was the business community. passed by a two thirds vote, which removes the political disabilities imposed Ben Butler purposed introducing a simi- gone. larbill and thereby get a cheap reputahis own kidney, who dislike, him per

sonally, induced Mr. Hale to be beforehand, and he has thus taken considerable wind out of Benny's sails It is all for the best, bowever, as Ben will now retain his identity, as some mistakes would be sure to occur in speaking of Butler's magnanimity. Ben was not present, being engaged in a reply to Senator Davis, spoon stealing charge. The general impression is that the amnesty bill will pass the Senate. I am not so bopeful. Pig Iron Kelley, the great protectionist, offered a resolution which declared that all internal taxes should be taken off, except whiskey and tobacco. What flimsey dodges these Radicals do stoop to in order to clear the optics of the people. But the trick is understood. The Senate would scarce have patience to listen to the resolution being read ere they would squelch it: the people, who are not so stupid or so much asleep as some persons think, look to the legislative acts of the domi-

tainty of being voted down by the other. The Ku-Klux bill was reported yesterday by the judiciary committee in the Senate, and among some minor amendments was the following: "that the privilege of suspending the writ of habeas corpus be extended until the end of the next regular session," which would expire about the 15th of July. but by taking a recess until the last of November justead of adjourning, this infamous electioneering law would be in force during that time, and the people of the South, under the control of Grant and his soldiers, would be debarred the rights of citizens in order to carry the elections for the Radicals. This amend. ment puts their intentions beyond doubt. Desperation causes them to searcely regard the semblance of honesty in their wile work, but all these devices and frands will not avail them. They are

nant party and not bancombe resolu-

tions, passed by one House with a cer-

dean gone. The debate in the Senate on the admission of Blodgett, of Georgia, was very much against his being a United States Senator. The opposition to him comes from his Radical brethren, many of whom think they have enough mean present writing, is a very great un-

certainty, but his loilty may save him. A number of Radicals who have been testing the scats of their Democratic competitors, have withdrawn from the contest. This better condition of things comes from the fact that the commit- feels this is his case. tee on elections have a lopted a rule. not to recommend the payment of intelligent people go to work at this I money to confestants, who have no matter, and a change will come-it must reasonable ground of contest, and to apay only the actual expenses of defeated dany more, and that is bad for the con-

testing carpet-baggers. strongly pressed by Western Democratic and all will be well. members of Congress, as the place in a far I have heard of no rival for the oppression on every hand. What is it, sonce. That the convention should be sir, but the futelligent returning to first hald in the redeemed city of St. Louis, principlly? What is it but an effort to

stantial reasons, I feel assured, will be een live? We are but struggiste for Mr. Clarkson N. Potter and the Att the matter be forward! orner General will, on the 12th inst.,

by Democratic for the first time in 10

of that success, which for the most sub.

A A BILBERT ------EDITOR

MR. BEECHER ON THE (SHELLA BARGRE) KU KLUX BILL.

None the less does the exclusion of their terness throughout the old population.

either in the art of government or of

percion now before Congress, is fearessly considered. It is pronounced figrantly unconstitutional. It is not a but a Beecher, who says: "If one thing that the National Exceptive should exsection of the country whenever he sees but of the very spirit of our organic law, agipes will be the case, the army were

WATCHMAN THE WATCHMAN | the South by Federal military sunsion | until the Ku-Klux bill had passed both Robertson acquiesced, but several

Senators declined to be bound by any such arrangement. Sawyer was of the opinion that, after The bayenet and the conscience are the bill which was passed yesterday, no never good friends. It may be needful more opportune moment than the present to maintain the framework of society and bill. His own bellef had been that there was an understanding that the subject

should be considered to day. of the bill for delay were purposely designed to defeat action on the mi and warned its friends that it would be

Frelinghuysen then renewed the motion for an executive session, upon which Thurman demanded the yeas

nays Carried-yeas, 31; nays, 20. THE CONFEDERATE WIDOWS AND ORPHAN'S HOME,

Soon after the war, the noble charity blending with the patriotic feeling of the good ladies and citizens of Charleston, promoted the establishment, in that city, of a "Home" for the widows of our dead Confederates, and the opportunity of education for the offspring they left behind them. The happy unity of these two God-given principles soon gave birth to an institution around which the true heart of Charleston clus tered, and continues to cluster, with numuring and succoring care. And we have before us, a fine pamphlet from the press of Messrs. Walker, Evans & Corswell, the "proceedings of the Third Amiversary" of this benificent enterprise, accompanied by the "Annual Report, Addresses of Maj. Barker and

That intelligent and zealously carnest lady, -Mrs. M. A. Snowden, is the President, with Miss. S. M. Middleton, as vice President, Miss M. B. Camp Radicalism were to be mustured gain to bell Secretary and Treasurer, and Miss Jane A. Adger, Corresponding Secretary It also has an influential Board of Conand we may say the only hope-for con- trol. in connexion with the officers inned control. Its leaders do not dis- mentioned, an Auxiliary Association, of quise the fact; and the Southern peo- which Hon. Jas. B. Cambell is President and a Committee of the leading gentlemen of Charleston.

Prof. Miles, and List of the Members,

During the past year, as we learn from the report, there have been domiciled in the "Home" one hundred and 1872. Since their only capital can be five persons. Of this number seventydrawn from the actions and utterances seven are now inmates, twelve more of the people of the South, how careful have been accepted and are daily expectshould we be to reduce that capital to ed, and four have died. Thirty young the smallest possible extent-by bear- ladies, claimants of Confederate sympaing with manly, heroic, christian forti- thy, interest and care, have been tude the ills we suffer-that deliverance furnished with a home, and with board, and have been aided in pursuing their studies in the city. The large building on Broad Street, occupied by the insti-This Bill of iniquities first passed the tution, has been filled in all its available House, in the shape given by us last rooms, and general good order and har-

\$4.305,30, all of which was de ved party lash. Three of these amendments from contributions of the charitable peoacre figgrantly unconstitutional and ty- ple of Charleston and throughout the We desire to present the claims

> material aid. A number of young ladies of Sumter county have found homes and means of education from within its We beg for contributions in money or provisions, which may be left at this

is amply worthy of their sympathy and

office, and which we guarantee will meet proper direction. And we hope to have responses to this call.

NEGRO MU-KĻUX. A band of negroes in disguise, a few nights since, made an attack upon the house of Mr. Pud Shaw, in Laureus County. They demanded money, and fired several shots into the house. Mr. Shaw is a very old man, himself and wife living entirely alone, and the villians no doubt thought that they would have an easy job; but it so happened that a young friend was with him at the influence of Heary Ward Beecher is time, who scattered the gang by sprink ling them with shot. One of them was

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