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POLITICAL DISABILITIES.

In reply to the inquiries of a friend we will state that under the Reconstruction acts, there is no mode of having the political disabilities, which they establish to moved except by a vote of two-thirds of each House of Congress. The Pourteents are and settles and settles and settles are peace was will the South House of Congress. The Pourteents are and settles Assessed to the set spice of the set s Amendment, commonly called the Howard live in fear and without hope." Amendment, expressly reserves this power.

We have never understood by what sem- ulation would do? tion, and until there is a Legislature elect-North Carolina. But as it is, a cheap and disreputable tools it employs in the South- than to keep a party in power, regardless era States, that body will not confine its of the good of our society, and the negroes action by the self-imposed restraints of its lown well-being." own Reconstruction scheme,- Wil Jour.

THE ALABAMA ELECTION.

Commenting on the recent election in Advertiser, of the 16th, says:

This election, in any event, has demonstrated, (1) that the whites of Alabama are united; and (2) that they will act as a unit in all matters affecting their right to controi the political affairs of the State. I does not look now as if 2.000 white men had voted for the (so-called) constitution; and we are certain that not one hundred have done so who did not hold office by military appointment or aspire to office in the new government. We have shown to the world, either that there are no "loval" white men in the State, or that the "loyal" men here are oppposed to negro domination in the political affairs of the State; and as it is known that at least 2,000 ex tedera officers and soldiers, now living here, refused to vote, there will be no difficulty in deciding that." loyal" Alabamians hold and will ever maintain that only white men should centrol the government of Alabama.

THE COTTON CROP.

Sometime ago we advanced an opinion that during the present month or the month of March, the cotton speculators would combine to raise the price of cotton in the South, for the purpose of stimulating a large crop of the staple for 1868. It is said they confidently rely upon the gullability of our farmers, and already rejoice that the alluring bait has been swallowed to some extent. A correspondent of the New York Herald thus writes:

"The recent rise in the price of cotton has already produced a magical effect in

the South. another effect more melancholy and magi- those who differ with them cal, we fear. We do hope our planter will have their even

A reporter of the Philadelphia Inquirer called, recently, upon ex-Vice-President Stephens, who is at present in Philadelphia.
The following extract from his report to the Inquirer, contains the most interesting portions of the interview. What Mr. Stephens says of Georgia applies to this State,

A Talk with Alexander H. Stephens.

"leagues' reaching to every county of the State. They course and threaten any black man who does not join them. They are, in fact, a unit politically. Incendiaries, the officouring, of the earth, have moved into the States, their only object being to stir up strife. These have ascited the negroes with political hopes waich they would not have entertained otherwise, and domoralized the entire population."

We spoke of the tour of Senator Wilson and others in the South,

hef, than at the close of the war.'

"Infinitely! The war closed upon a submitted, and, so far us good citrgenship was concerned, a quiet and obedient people. The terms of the peace were accorded to. The negroes promised to give us no sux ety.

We asked, in case the negroes got the ascendancy in Georgia, what the white pop- Presidential election in h.

blance of right Congress undertook, even "Abandon the State," said Mr. Stephens, publicans than seperate under its own iniquitous legislation, to re- "I would leave it with the precipitation of meet again until after it Lon and never look back. We are so or On that day the long steen abilities which these acts create, until the ganized there, the proportion of the race. Howard Amendment became a part of the are such that negro-citizenship would leave Constitution for nowhere else does Congress | the whites in a minority. To this we could give itself this power. This Amendment never submit, our own policy would be emhas not yet become a part of the Constitution. We cannot altogether blame the negroes for this. They are poor, credulous ed and conveyed it cannot be adopted by people, who cannot see their interests and ours to be identical. Political emissaties easy mode of purchasing the services of the have tempted them, for no other purpose

Mr. Stephens, when interrogated as to the proper basis for reconstruction, said that it should lie in a resumption of the prin- sidered as dry fand. It is true that in this ciple that the Sartes, had never left the Union, Alabama and its results, the Montgomery but that an insurrection had been crushed. and the States, never having left the Gov- that its rise and fall-obay a large orb, and erament, merely resumed their old condition.

was at last brought to a close by an imperative summons to dinner. It is proper to say that the ex-Vice-President mercly answered the interrogatories put to him, and seemed desirous of making no appearance in public controversy. He had been asked jule sail half the year above districts where o lecture in various parts of the North; for the other half they walk, though hardly his engagements upon the forthcoming book dry shod, over the sasked ground , their ochad precluded these. However, he said that he might lecture next winter.

A DESPOTEM COMING.

It is manifest that the people greatly underrate their danger-North, East and The two picturesque cascades, at one of West, to say nothing of the South. The which we took our baththe other morning, form of government meditated will not be and at this scared such favorite resorts developed until the revolutionists have full possession of the military power. As pear in a few months, when the river rises soon as they elect Grant the mask will be for some for y fact above its lowest level. thrown off, if it can properly be said that there is any mask at all now. That the present form of government will last a year or read of the extent of the Amazon and its after unother succession of the Radicals, tributaries fails to give an idea of immensity no man of intelligence at the metropolis, of as a whole. One must float for months either party; would have the effrentery to upon its surface, in order to understand how assume. The subterfuges resorted to to justify the naked usurpations daily essayed are laughed at by the revolutionists themselves, who no longer, in this respect, treat land, then a net-work of rivers. Indeed, their opponents in debate with decency.-Washington Letter, Bultimore Gazette.

PROPHECY FULFILLED.

"If the infernal fanatics and abolitionists ever get power in their hands they will override the Constitution, set the Supreme Yes, and the decline in cotton next fall, Court at defiance, change and make laws as a cotemporary suggests, will produce to suit themselves, lay violent hands on little after consis-

British Opinional Congressional Pro-ceedings and the Emperis of Re-

has forced on another, and nothing of the government appears likely to remain but the Legislattive Department. The first Reconstruction act was refere, but the people governed to it because they ended a very implement. That was discountable, too; but still little was referenced in was hoped that now, at least Cooper linew what it was about. At last, it they are everything is settled,—eight or nine rhanks have passed and a measure which particulty brought the other two acts is confidently brought of down by forward as the one thing a distill to restore "It was not of Mr. Wilson, or men of that grade, that I spoke," said Mr. Stevens "These incendiar es are ostensibly lawyers. We never see them; they live almost entirely among the blacks. We don't know where they come from; they are everywhere, and always for mischief."

"Then Georgia is worse off, in your belief, than at the close of the war."

"The government chalcat an in reduction is government chalcat an in reduction." We are inclined to be time that the South only kicked the her beels and dired out of sight will be better off under obtainilitary. Gov. I just took her to be one of your high flyer, eruor than under five, all brough there is most modest kind, and left her to be fate. But nothing to prevent Coopies putting a very different man from Gen. Grant in that position to-morrow. "But how long will it be before another law supersedes the new to the governing page journals declare that I a e placing the r for the Regress could scarcely de to nce and not November. Il be decide for or against them, att a adent tactics would include the leaders Er send their forces. home before they do michief which there will not be time to repair.

Extent of the Amazon.

The following extrust is from Professor Agussiz' new book editled, A Journey in

" A region of country, which stretches across a whole continen and is flooded for half the year, where here can never be radroads or highways or even pedestrian traveling to any extent, can hardly be conoccurre river system the tidal action has an annual instead of daily cob and Apart are rulled by the san and-not the moon; This interview, several times intercupted, but it is, nevertheless, subject to all the conditions of a submerged district, and must be treated as such. Indeed, these semi-annual changes of level are the more powerful in their inforences on the life of the july bit auts than any marine tide. Pencupations, their does, their habits, are modified in accommon with the dry and wet seasons. And not only the ways of life, but the while server of the country, the character of the landscape, are changed. with the inhabitahis of Manaos, will disap Their bold rocks and shady nooks will have become river bottom. All that we hear fully water has the mastery over land along its borders. Its watery labrinth is rather a fresh water ocean, cut and divided by his whole valley is an aquatic, not terrestrial basin, and it is not strange, when looked upon from this point of view, that its forests should be less full of life, comparatively, than its rivers.

> no. A petition of the people of Alabama, recently presented to the Senate by Senator Don- all attention, with outstretched neck, as though

Cheerful Bathing.

Mark Twain, writing to the Alta from Odersa, Russia, Aug. 22d, says: If there is one thing that is really cheerful in this world, it is cheerfulness. I have noticed it often. And I have noticed that when a man is right down cheerful, he is The following extract from his report to the Haquirer, contains the most interesting portions of the interview. What Mr. Stephens says of Georgia applies to this State, as well as other States of the South:

Mr. Stephens is now superintending the publication of his first and only book, "The War Between the States." He will leave the city to morrow for a short visit to New York and the Eastern States and return again next week. Haentered the house while we were enquiring for bim, and invited us to his room on the second floor, where he is composing the closing portions of his book. He walked by the mid of a constitution resistant has been imputed to him.

We asked him how the State of Georgia was thriving?

"Everything there is wretched," he reclied; we are ruined, or next to ruined. They cannot appear tilly, and even the negroes are composing the crossing of the body floor. The control of the state of any place to go to. Several times I had a mind to

Why, those young ladies thought no more of turning somersaults, when I was not looking, than nothing in the world. Incomed as I was, I was compelled to look, most of the time, durmake a show of modesty, at least. Yet it wouldn't even have accomplished that, if they

hada't been so food of show naturally. Well, you can't conceive of it. It was awful, But sometimes my outraged feelings were crowded down by my fears for the sufety of the girls They were so reckless. Oue splendid looking young woman went in with pushing on but a shawl, and she Mps it wrapped around her sothat I was afruid all the time that she would tan gie her feet in its long fringes and drown herself. My solicitude became so unbearable at last that I went and signified to her that if she wanted to take off her shawl I would hold it for her. But she she was the handsomest girl in the party. and it was a pity to see her endangering her life in that way.

I said to Brown: "It makes my heart bleed to look upon this unbaffowed scope.

"We had better go, then," he said.

[Prom the Southern Opinion. A VANKEE TAKEN IN.

Soon after the late war, when an amnesty eath -more commonly known as a dominasty cath - itad frequent occasions to prosecute for sundewas considered by some a desideratum, a meanors. Conseive his association ou terny jeans walked into the Provest Marshal's office at Charlottesville, and inquired-

" If this war the place to git into the Union

The dapper little " individual" presiding over the establishment replied, in blue-posed Yankee

"Yes, sir; we administer the ampesty outh

Reb's name, rook, regiment, and place of abode being ascertained, the oath was administered with due selemoity and impressiveness.

After its administration our Reb gulped two suddenly around as if he had forgotten something,

" Say, Capt'n, I'm in the Union now, sin't I?" "Yes, sir," replied the efficer with dignity. " Well," with a quizziest look, "I'm as good a Yankee as any body now, ain't I?"

"Yes sir, you are." " Well;" continued Butternut, "now, Capt'n. didn't Stonewall Jackson use to give us h-l in

Deponent saith not what the officer's reply int it is presumable he thought it was a striking example of the "ruling passion strong in death." NED.

QUITE & COINCIDENCE.

During the reading of Dickens, on Tuesday light, at Carroll Hull; a colucidence occurred there that turned quite a titter, if not a laugh, on Gen. Butler. It occurred during the reading or description of "Bob Sawyer's Party at his Loriging . "from Pickwick, in the quarril scone between Noddy and Gunter. The following is the reading :

"I request that you'd favor me with your card," said Mr. Noddy. "I'll do nothing of the kind, sir," replied

"Why not, sir?" inquired Mr. Noddy. "Because you'll stick it up over your chimney piece, and delede your visitors but the talse he

ief that a gentleman has been to see you, sir," renlied Mr Gunter. "Sir, a friend of mine shall wait on you in the morning," said Mr Noddy.

"Sir, I'm very much obliged to you for the caution, and I'll, leave per icular directions with the servant to look up the spoons!" teplied int. Gunter.

Previous to this the hero of Fort Fisher was

A CONFIRMED GROMBLER.

The following sketch may be a caricature, bough we think there is a human likeness about it so real as to be easily recognized;

Some time and there liged in Edinburgh a well-known grambler named Sandy Black, whose often recurring fits of spleen or indigention prodirect some amusing scenar of senseins irritable ity, which were highly relished by all except the brute's good, patient fittle wife. One morning Sandy arose bent on a quarrel. The haddles and eggs were excellent, done to a turn, and had bees ordered by himself the previous evening; and breshinst passed without the looked for cause

of complaint. "What will you have for diener, Sandy?" soid Mrs Binek

"A chicken, madam," said her hosband.

"Routed or boiled?" asked the side.

"Conformally, madam, if you had been a good and considerate side you." "Se known before this what I liked," San. I stone out, and slamming the deer behind had, left the house. It may in the spring, west a friend who was pres-

"condy bent on a disturbance to day; I shall not pitche him, do what I can."

The dinner time came, and Saudy and his friend eat down to dinner. The fish was esten in silence, and on raising the cover of the dish before him, in a towering passion, he called out: "Boiled chicken! I have it, madam. A chick-

on boiled is a chicken spoiled." Immediately the cover was raised for another

hicken, rousted to a turu. " Madam, I won't est roast chicken," roared Sandy; "you know how it should have been cooked!" At thet instant a broiled chicken, with mush-

rooms, was pluced on the table. "Without green pens?" roused the grumbler. "Here they are, dear," said Mrs. Black."

" How dare you spend my money in that way!"
"They were a present," said the wife, inter-

Rising from his chair, and rushing from the room, muidst a roar of laughter from his friend; be elenched his fist and shouted :

"How dare you receive a present without my leave!"

ARCHIBALD MACCAINE HOOPER. We find the following assecdore relative to Archibald Manieine Hooper, a native and for a long time resident of Wilmington, in one of our ex-

print hefore we give it here:
Though highly cultivated and intelligent, the ate A A Hooper was remarkedle, for his "pai-

In his caffier mechand, he was for some years. Former, by the State.
Former, Wen cow-in North Carolina had
little discription was exercised in the set-

tion of Justides of the Peace. There was one Joe King, whom Mr. Loopen

thing of beauty" (?) which would last forever, ing the Court House, at the opening of one of the -a long, lank seion of the Confederacy, clad in terms of the Court of Picas and Quarter Sessions, where he discovered King seated apon the beach. With his usual impulsiveness, lifting his finger thresteningly, he thundered out:

"You, Joe King, come down from there instantly; how dare you, sir, seat pourself there?" With an inimitable travestic of judicial dignity, King, greatly to Mr. Hooper's confusion, informed him that he held his seat by virige of a commission under the great scal of the State; Butternut-"Well, sir, I want to be cussed that if he, Hooper, did not pay proper respect to no the institution quiexer's h-I can scortch a the Court, the Court would be constrained to punish him for contempt; sed that, though his name was Joe King, he was not joking now.

"I'VE DONE THE SAME THING OFTEN."

A Mr. John Smith, who is described evidently prithree times, and started out-then turning not without reason, as a fast talker, gave the following description of the bluwing up of a steamthus addressed himself to the presiding function- boat on the Mississippi : I landed at Helena for a minute to drop some letters into the post office, when all of a solden I heard a tremendous expiosion, and, looking up, caw that the sky was for a minute, durented by some, laye and other small bits and soraps of my fellor poten Amongst su uncommon agly medly, I spied second cierk, about one bundled and fifty feet above my own level. I recognized him et unce. for ten uninutes before I had been sucking a herry cobbler with him out of the same rummer. Well, I watched him. He came down through the roof of a shoemsker's shop, and landed on the floor close by the shosmaker, who we at work. The clerk, being in a hurry, jumped ut to go to the assessment of the other saferer when the man of wax' depended five sungred delises for the damage done to his root. "Tenhigh," replied the clock; "never paid more than two bundled and fifty dollars in my life, and I've done the same thing often."

Bes Not a great while after Gen. Lee sayune the duties of President of Washington G at Lexington, Va., he was taking his e afternoon ride; and, when some di detociary the village, h. was met by a ped luted bim, and, halting sudd __arrian, who sabrogue, if he were "Gine anty, seked in full answered affirmatively and Lee." On being "An it's me that, , the Irishioan said: Gineral. Woold a glad to git the aight of ye, ya a bit iv a . . . ye miou, sir, av I'd jist give

"Oh raid Arer ?" dispress , a the General, "I think wold as well with that. edad, sir, I think I'll have to de it anny

And he thereupon whirled his hat enthusinetically around his head and gave a lusty "three ers," en soligire-doubtless to the General's great, though unexpressed, amusemous and his

J. Have Brown extinctes the rield of gold this year, in the Pactific States and Perrises rice, at \$70,000,000, and of silver in Nevade at 810,000,000.

follow on a reconstruction of learful of losing a single word, but when ne afallability, and fi- Common devil and an array Sharing the | fearful of losing a single word, but a afallability, and fi- Common devil and an array of the speed has been been been and an array of the speed by the Ple alone, for one season, at least.

| Congress demands, concludes by asking that body. | terrapin's being jerked into its shell, and an interpretation as continue its with blood. | Daniel Webster, March 7, | own rule by the sword by ending among them | the state of the spoons his head not be appeared into its shell, and an interpretation as continue its continue its marker than enforce that poley, to continue its mistakable titter and stuffe was very appropriate own rule by the sword by ending among them | the state of the spoons his head not not its shell, and an its marker than enforce that poley, to continue its mistakable titter and stuffe was very appropriate. | The state of the spoons his head not not its shell, and an its marker than enforce that poley, to continue its mistakable titter and stuffe was very appropriate. | The state of the spoons his head not not its shell, and an its marker than enforce that poley, to continue its mistakable titter and stuffe was very appropriate. |