The Carolina Farmer.

LETTER FROM SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Whites Disarmed—The Negro Militia Parading.

[Special Star Correspondence.]

FLORENCE, S. C., Oct. 24.

Mr. Editor:

DEAR SIR—The usual quiet of our little "village among the pines" was broken to-day, and for a while we had considerable amusement and some excitement. To-day was the time appointed for Republican speaking here, and at an early hour the colored denizens of the surrounding country began to flock in, on horse and "footback." And now you will see how the *proclamations* work, and that they were intended and understood to apply to whites only.

About 10 o'clock, A. M., we were surprised to see a company of colored men, regularly officered, equipped and armed with Winchester rifles, marching into town in regular military style, going through the manual, &c.; and, although we are honored with a resident U. S. Deputy Marshal, he paid no attention to this open disregard and violation of law—a law to which the *whites* promptly submitted. Governor Chamberlain and President Grant were both notified of the fact, by good authority, and they paid no attention to it. Later in the day the procession formed, about three hundred strong—men, women and boys, in every style of dress and undress—"ragtag and bobtail"—a harder looking set is seldom ever seen outside of Pandemonium—so much so that their white brethren could not stand the pressure, only one joining the procession. They marched through the principal streets with lanterns, banners, &c., a band of music playing the martial air of "shoo fly." The "bloody shirt" brigade mounted and dressed in red flannel in front, the military bringing up the rear, carrying a banner with this device, the meaning of which I will leave you to interpret: "State Militia; the poor man's cry. Down with *dull yellow* groceries." After marching and yelling to their satisfaction they proceeded to the grand stand and the harangues commenced. During the speaking a telegram was received from the Governor by the trial justice of the town, the purport of which I could not learn, but after reading it he told the negroes that the militia had a right to go where they chose.

To-morrow will generally be observed here as a day of fasting and prayer for the success of our cause.

Yours, &c., A. G. H.

Gov. Tilden Defines his Position Regarding Southern Claims.

Gov. Tilden has addressed Hon. Abram S. Hewitt a letter, dated the 24th, declaring his position in regard to the Southern claims. He quotes the 14th amendment of the Constitution; points to the fact that it has been repeatedly approved by Democratic State Conventions of the South, and was adopted as a part of the platform of the last National Democratic Convention, which declared it to be universally accepted as a final settlement. Gov. Tilden, giving his public declaration on the subject, previously made, said: "Should I be elected President the provisions of the Fourteenth amendment will, so far as depends upon me, be maintained, executed, and enforced in perfect and absolute good faith. No rebel debt will be assumed or paid; no claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave will be allowed; no claim for any loss or damage incurred by disloyal persons, arising from the late war, whether covered by the fourteenth amendment or not, will be recognized or paid; the cotton tax will not be refunded. I shall deem it my duty to veto every bill providing for the assumption or payment of any such debts, losses, damages or claims, or for the refunding of such tax. The danger to the national treasury is not from claims of persons who aided the rebellion, but from claims of persons residing in the Southern States or having property in those States, who were, or pretended to be, or who, for the sake of ading claims, now pretend to have been loyal to the government of the Union. Such claims, even of loyal persons, when they are from acts caused by the operations of war, have been disowned by the public law of civilized nations, condemned by the adjudications of the Supreme Court of the United States, and only find any status by force of specific legislation of Congress. These claims have become stale, and are often tainted with fraud. They are nearly always owned in whole or in part by claim agents, by speculators or lobbyists, who have no equity against the tax-payers or the public. They should in all cases be scrutinized with zealous care. The calamities to individuals, which were inflicted by the late war, are for the most part irreparable. The Government cannot recall to life the million of our youth who went to untimely graves, nor compensate the sufferings or sorrows of their relatives or friends. It cannot readjust between individuals the burdens of taxation heretofore borne, or of debts incurred to sustain the government, which are yet to be paid. It cannot apportion anew among our citizens the damages or losses incident to military operations, or resulting in every variety of form from its measures for maintaining its own existence. It has no safe general rule but to let by-gones be by-gones, to turn from the dead past to a new and better future, and on that basis to assure peace, reconciliation and fraternity between all sections, classes and races of our people, to the end that all the springs of our productive industries may be quickened, and a new prosperity created, in which the evils of the past shall be forgotten.

SAMUEL J. TILDEN.

THE GERMAN ADDRESS.

On the 16th of October the leading German merchants of Aiken addressed a letter to their countrymen throughout the country to do justice to a greatly outraged people. They desired "to present a fair view of the condition of things," that their "friends and fellow-countrymen throughout the country" might understand it. We give some extracts from this address:

"Having come over from the fatherland for the purpose of advancing ourselves in life by means of the business facilities offered us here, we have constantly, since the time of our coming, devoted ourselves zealously to that single object, and we have never allied ourselves with any political party in times past, giving our suffrages at each election to the candidates and tickets which we thought would best advance the interests of our adopted home and our own private interests, with those of the public. The course of events in South Carolina during the last few years, however, has forced us to affiliate with the Democratic party here as the only one that can relieve us of the burdens which are well nigh crushing us, especially of the system of exorbitant taxation which is gradually depriving us of the fruits of many years' labor, while, at the same time, ruining those upon whom we are dependent for patronage, and of the misappropriation of the same when collected, which has thrown the State into a condition of prostration that can find no parallel North or South. Year after year we have watched the course of the Radical party here, in hopes that its better elements would rise into power, and by a proper administration of the government bring us back on to the high road to prosperity. But we utterly despair now of any change coming from them.

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We ask you to look a moment at the character of those who govern, and then you can readily understand the reason of the prostrate condition of our State.

The negroes, who largely outnumber the whites, were suddenly lifted, without any preparation, from a state of servitude into one of equality with their former, masters, and endowed immediately with the right of suffrage, unqualified by any condition, property or educational. Political adventurers, from all sections of the Union, came here and began to work upon the mind of the negro, in order to elevate themselves into positions where they could advance their fortunes. They found him disposed to regard them as the representative of the power which had emancipated him and his friends, and disposed also to show his gratitude by giving them control of the government, while at the same time ready to listen to any teachings which would fill him with distrust of his former master. By the suffrages of these ignorant men, the government of our State was wrested from the hands of the intelligent property holders and placed under the control of a motly crew, composed in part of these unscrupulous politicians and in part of the newly enfranchised, but still ignorant and easily corrupted negroes.

It is any wonder, that with such men at our helm, our good ship of State should be well nigh stranded upon the shore of irretrievable ruin?

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The property holders for several years have had no voice in the government, which has been run almost entirely by men having neither property here nor aught of interest in our welfare beyond what tends to add to their own enrichment.

Recent events, occurring in a canvass in which the native whites are earnestly striving for reform, under the leadership of Hampton and other true sons of Carolina, have brought the town and section in which we live into an undeserved and unpleasant notoriety. The accounts of them spread forth by different journals in the North and West (if we except a remarkably fair and impartial report of the "Ellenton Riot," lately published in the New York *Herald*, and which, we trust, will meet with the credence it deserves), greatly injure and malign the people with whom we have cast our lot, and the impression made by them is greatly intensified by the action of the United States and State governments, both of which seem to us to be acting in unison against the white people of the State, whose only crime appears to be their earnest patriotic efforts for reform.

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The State government will not give the whites any protection or redress against the acts of incendiarism, robbery, etc., perpetrated by these negroes, and they have been obliged to defend themselves and to endeavor to put a stop to these disorders by prompt and summary punishment of the offenders. In all these difficulties the whites have at first acted altogether on the defensive, and they have assumed the offensive only when it became necessary by decisive action to prevent greater difficulties. In all cases they have shown their willingness to submit to the proper officers of the State or of the United States whenever they appeared and showed an ability to cope with and check the riotous negroes.

Far from bearing any hostility to the negroes, at all their meetings they address themselves earnestly to the task of enlightening their minds and showing them that they would be happier and more prosperous under the government of the men who have been brought up with them, and whose interests as merchants, planters and employers generally are closely connected with theirs as workmen, laborers and employes.

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To our business friends, who know us and our standing through the Commercial Register, and to our fellow Germans and countrymen generally, we appeal earnestly and dispassionately for that sympathy and aid in our great struggle here which comes through an honest recognition of our position and aims.

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FROM FAYETTEVILLE.

McRae and Dockery at Fayetteville—The Observer, &c.

[Star Correspondence.]

FAYETTEVILLE, Oct. 26, '76.

Since the opening of the campaign, not excepting the Vance-Settle discussion, we have had here no greater political stir than the announcement on our streets that this evening we were to have a splendid debate between Col. O. H. Dockery, the most decent Radical and one of the ablest in the State, and Maj. J. C. McRae, one of Cumberland's noblest, and most talented sons, and a man withal of greater reserve power than is possessed by many who claim superiority in more respects than one. Mr. Bernard, you knew him in the First North Carolina Regiment of Volunteers. You remember what a soldier he was at that time. You know he never was trusted with the performance of a duty, no matter how difficult to be performed, but that it was fully and splendidly performed. To-night he has done the job in a manner to satisfy you and all who know how such things ought to be done. In all respects Major McRae came off in the lead. Democrats are highly enthusiastic over the efforts, giving Dockery great credit for his smartness, and yet recognizing McRae as his superior by all odds. So much for politics. "Everything is lovely and the goose hangs high."

But do you know that your old friend, and my old friend, and Cumberland's old friend, and the Cape Fear and Pee Dee county's old friend, and North Carolina's old friend—not to say everybody's friend—Peter M. Hale, Esq., many years the political editor of the old Fayetteville *Observer*, has been here in town for some days. You remember what a clever fellow he was in the "olden time," in camp, and after the war—when we were all involuntary loafers, and since the war in New York; but you can't imagine how splendid he is now—splendid is the only word—that he is back among his old friends, like you and I, and others. Be assured he is the same "Mr. Peter" that he was always. And can't you tell your old "Cape Fear and Pee Dee" subscribers that he and Col. Saunders, late of the *Journal*, are going to start a new *Observer* in Raleigh about the 16th prox. Here where you have many subscribers (and that's saying enough at first blush) he has the largest list for the *Observer* that a North Carolina newspaper has ever received since the end of the war. In the Cape Fear and Pee Dee country he ought to receive as many more—from all the evidence at hand, he has done so—because the old Hale *Observer* used to be known up in that country, and Peter Hale was regarded there as just such a man deserves to be regarded wherever he is known. The "old Whigs" who stand by him, and the "old Democrats" who stand by "Billy Saunders," of the *Journal*, ought to stand by the *Observer*, oughtn't they?

Of course the STAR can never fade from our political firmament; but its rays may, and we hope will, become more effulgent when an *Observer* plays sentinel and tells us all the news—of the night and day—from the Capital at Raleigh.

Let the folks know that we are happy in Fayetteville, because McRae slashed Dockery to right, and because Peter M. Hale has come back to town and says the last news from New York is that Tilden will certainly be elected.

"CO. H HAS THE PREFERENCE."

The South Carolina Farce

[Special Dispatch to the News and Courier.]

AIKEN, S. C., Oct. 24.

Mr. C. E. R. Drayton, formerly of Charleston and now a farmer here, has been arrested as an intimidator, and is now in jail with Messrs. Butler and Dunbar. There is nothing to ground his arrest upon, unless, perhaps, that he is a very strong and outspoken Democrat, and has been working hard to convert the negroes. Commissioner Boozer is not here, and so the prisoners have to remain in confinement for the present. Three companies of troops have arrived here since yesterday. P.

[Correspondence of the News and Courier.]

ORANGEBURG, S. C., Oct. 25.

A train with Uncle Sam's troops, while passing over the South Carolina Railroad, stopped at a way station. An officer who had been ordered "to disperse the rebels, capture their columbiads and spike their howitzers," and having failed to see any of Chamberlain's imaginary army, espied three sportsmen eager for partridges. Ha! thought the officer, this is the army. "Gentlemen," he commanded, "in the name of the United States, disperse." A hearty laugh followed, in which the genial soldier who suggested the joke joined. The correspondent of a New York paper made a note of the affair. The rank and file of the army are disgusted with the farce which they are ordered to play at the instance of the adventurous fortune-hunting carpet-bagger.

The same refers to "Bowen's Inquest Farce" as follows:

The coroner's inquest over the body of Mr. Wm. E. Simmons was continued yesterday. Circuit Solicitor Buttz was present, and, so far as he was able, not only dictated the answers for the witnesses, but regulated what portions of those answers should be recorded. To say that the whole proceeding is an outrage upon decency would be but faintly to describe it. Solicitor Buttz not only hampered and bullied the witnesses, but absolutely refused to allow important evidence—and, in fact, the only evidence going to prove the origin of the difficulty—to be rendered.

The State Canvass.

Ransom's speech at Statesville, the *Blade* says, was grand. The negroes were drunk and hallooing for Hayes and Wheeler. He suggested to a crowd of negroes that they were hallooing for the wrong man; that Wheeler & Wilson, the sewing machine men, were the men. Then they commenced the cry, "Hursah for Wheeler & Wilson!"

"*He* (W. W. Holden) *said the murder of Stephens was for political effect*, and his murderers were thought to be of his own party. He spoke of the rope found on the neck of the murdered man, and the finding of the coil from which it was cut as likely to elicit evidence unfavorable to parties who were supposed to be friends of Stephens."—*Rev. Thomas W. Babb, in Raleigh News, Oct. 24, 1876.*

The Goldsboro *Messenger* hears good news from Greene county. It says:

"Capt. Swift Galloway espoused the cause of Reform and good government in his usual effective and able style. The prospects in Greene are fair. Many of the better class Republicans have united with the Conservatives in the one paramount duty of bringing about a general county reform, and may God speed their cause."

The *Robesonian*, in an article on the "Campaign in Robeson county," says:

"Its convention, composed of delegates from each township, distinguished for their intelligence, patriotism, influence and worth as citizens, inspired with a determination to win in this election, after a harmonious meeting presented a ticket that challenges the support and indorsement of every good citizen in the land. An able and effective Executive Committee were elected, who immediately set about the discharge of the duties assigned to them, and this was followed by a complete organization in each township. In most of the townships flags were raised, and Tilden and Vance Clubs formed; and an enthusiasm has been aroused such as our people have not experienced since the days of 1840."

The Charlotte *Observer* gathers from a gentleman of that city, who has been traveling in seven or eight counties, the following interesting points. It says:

"At Love Lady township, Burke county, he was told by Mr. W. Conley, a perfectly reliable man, that six years ago that township gave a Republican majority of seventy; four years ago it was twenty-two Democratic, and this year there are only fifteen Republicans in the township.

"At Cline's, in the same county, there are three hundred voters, not one of whom is a Repulican.

"Further west he heard similar reports. In Clay the Democrats expect to carry the county by over seven hundred. He says that Bob Vance's popularity over the Ridge is almost equal to his brother's."

A Nash correspondent of the *Southerner* writes:

Our canvassers are doing glorious work in the county, and in November old Nash will send up two hundred majority.

Jack Thomas is giving the Rads fits in Franklin, he charges them on both sides, and has captured several prisoners.

The *News* says of Maj. James C. McRae:

"Maj. McRae has canvassed nearly all of the counties of the district, and reports that the prospect for a glorious Democratic triumph is bright indeed. This State has no truer son or more accomplished gentleman than Maj. McRae, and the good people of good old Cumberland have every reason to be proud of him."

The Snow Hill correspondent of the Wilson *Advance* says of Greene county:

"Every day brings to us the glad tidings from various parts of the county that white Republicans are joining our ranks by the score. Several in Snow Hill and vicinity that were on the fence fell over on the Democratic side after Pool and Brogden's pow-wow."

The Danville (Va.) *Express* gives an account of Jo Turner at Roxboro. It closes as follows:

"We feared at one time that bad blood and harsh words would bring on a collision between the aspirants for senatorial honors, but the "Hon. Josiah," who kept on "talking," scattered the crowd, who grew weary and at last departed for their homes, leaving the speaker fighting the air as well as "the ring" that he claimed ruled in Raleigh."

Spirits Turpentine.

— The people of Cumberland are expecting a good fair.

— The new Courthouse at Snow Hill is rapidly approaching completion.

— Mrs. Ella Bass, of Edgecombe, died on the 24th inst.

— Four hundred and eighty bales of cotton were sold at Wilson last week.

— Mrs. Rogers, mother of the late Hon. Sion H. Rogers, is dead.

— The health of Raleigh is excellent.

— William H. Ferguson, of Raleigh, has great talents as a caricaturist.

— Two thousand two hundred bales cotton sold in Raleigh in two days.

— Rev. W. E. Oakley, M. D., died in Person county Sept. 7th, aged 71.

— Levi Hayes' store at Wilson has been broken into and robbed.

— R. G. Lewis lost $5,000 clear by the burning of his tannery.

— The Albemarle *Times* thus spells the name of a notorious and contemptible carpet-bagger—3G.

— Ashe sends one "Settler" (white) and Davidson two "Settlers" (colored) to the Radical headquarters at Raleigh.

— Woodson, of the *Advance*, is bragging of a sweet potato that weighed 6¼ pounds.

— Two Raleigh editors have raised money enough to go to the Philadelphia show—Rev. J. D. Hufham and P. Donan.

— The Rocky Mount Dramatic Association will do up "Deborah" on the 30th inst.

— W. E. Manning, is the postmaster at the new office of Spring Hope, Nash county.

— Some rascals stole 33 kegs of powder from Bingham & Co., of Salisbury, and now the cannon is missing.

— Mr. Alex. Hilliard, of Nash, caught twelve grown foxes in six successive days.

— There is a lady in Nash county who has read through the Bible 34 times, and the New Testament 75 times.

— The Primitive Baptists of Nash are to hold a "big meeting" at Hickory Rock. Many ministers to be present.

— Mr. W. H. Taylor, of Nash, lost two of his children in one week of typhoid fever.

— Hon. T. F. Bayard is unable to attend the meeting at Warrenton, to which he was invited.

— In Nash county the citizens have started a wagon train from Castalia to Raleigh for the purpose of procuring better prices for produce.

— The ball given to Gov. Vance at Kinston was a superb affair. Pretty women, lordly men, fine music, admirable dancing.

— Clinton Emory, Raleigh policeman, beat Cannon Wilcox, colored, over the head with a billy because he resisted. It is thought Wilcox will die.

— Dorsey Battle, editor of the Tarboro *Southerner*, says W. H. Blount is the main writer on the Rocky Mount *Mail*, and pays him a very high compliment.

— The body of John Adams, who was drowned at the mouth of Scuppernong river during the storm of the 17th ult., was found drifted ashore at Nag's Head.

— W. G. Upchurch's cotton gin, near Raleigh, burned. Loss $3,500; insurance $1,000, in City Fire Insurance Company of Richmond.

— Wyatt Lynch, a very respectable colored man, living near Wilson, was found dead Sunday of last week on the banks of Toisnot, with his gun by his side. So says the *Advance*.

— The following are the officers elected for another year of the Roanoke and Tar River Agricultural Society: For President, Hon. Jesse J. Yeates; for Secretary, H. E. T. Manning; for Treasurer, R. W. Brown.

— While Mr. Earnheard's clerk was sitting up with a corpse, at Lexington, some incendiary set fire to the store, burning it and two others, all the property of C. F. Lowe. Loss 6,000; no insurance.

— Raleigh *News*: Donald Gee, a young man about twenty years of age, was caught in the machinery of a cotton gin, at work near Durham, and mashed to death Wednesday afternoon.

— *Sentinel*: The widow of the gallant Ramseur, who was the spirit and life of the generals of Lee's army, is living at her mother's home near Milton, as gentle, and modest, and beautiful, as she was in her maiden days.

— Randolph *Register*: We feel proud of the extended notice in the Northern papers of the moss picture on exhibition at the Centennial, executed by Mrs. E. E. Jackson, of this place. There are three on exhibition, one from England and two American. Mrs. Jackson's is considered the best piece of art.

— Bishop Lyman will preach at the following places on the days mentioned: Leaksville, Rockingham county, Sunday, Nov. 12; Mountain Chapel, Rockingham county, Monday, Nov. 13; Reidsville, Rockingham county, Tuesday, Nov. 14, p. m.; Winston, Forsythe county, Wednesday, Nov. 15, p. m.; Thomasville, Davidson county, Friday, Nov. 17, p. m.

— By special request of the late Mrs. Hannah Caldwell, made a few days before her death, her remains were covered by the old family servants. They evidenced in the execution of their sad task, the old feeling, to which we were accustomed before the war; but which has grown very rare among them since the era of Reconstruction.

— *Blade:* Mr. Thomas Webb, now of California, but raised in Burke, is on a visit to his old home on Steele's Creek. His father, Thomas Webb, Esq., is now in his 86th year, and singularly active for one of that age. Mr. Webb resides near Marysville, in the Sacramento valley, where most of the eight hundred miners who left Western North Carolina in 1840 either settled or died.

— The Charlotte *Observer* tells this of the soldiers: "When the company of soldiers which remained over here last Sunday boarded the train for Columbia, one of them called out to some colored men standing near by: 'We want you colored people to be certain to vote solid; we're counting on you.' 'We will, we will,' was the loud response. 'Well, then,' replied the soldier, 'don't you fail to cast every vote you can for Tilden and Hendricks.' 'Humph!' muttered an old darkey, in disgust; 'dem fokes ain't gwine to do us no good.'"

— *Sentinel*: An infant died near Milton the other day that was gifted with speech in the hour of its death. It's mother, a worthy farmer's good wife, had just died and left it a wee bit, helpless, little babe, dependent on the bottle. Only a few months of age, it soon began to weaken and die, and in the fatal hour when friends surrounded it, and the last gasp was watched for, it lifted its little hands, and, with the last breath, cried, "my mother!" This is no fancy sketch but is the talk of the neighborhood. And after all, is it so wonderfully strange when we reflect that death of itself is the strangest of all things.

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