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A SLANDER ON THE SOUTH.

A correspondent signing himself A. M. G., and writing from Washington to the New York Sun in the interest of Tilden, endeavors to make captives for his own favorite by traducing the Southern people.

The majority of Southern Congressmen, I believe, are more nearly in accord with the policy of the Republican party upon the question of Government expenditures than Northern Democrats.

We submit that the reasons given for his charge are flimsy and unjust. It is well known that for the last fifteen or twenty years the improvements by the General Government have been mainly confined to the North.

But this writer has a charge to bring against all Southerners who oppose Tilden, and this applies to ninety-nine hundredths of the voters in the South.

would not allow it. Of all the prominent Democratic candidates for the Presidency there is no man who has a questionable record as Mr. Tilden, or whose character is under so much suspicion.

POLITICAL CHANGES AND ENGLAND'S FOREIGN POLICY.

The Liberals in England have an overwhelming majority. They are masters of the situation without the aid of the Home Rulers and "by a large majority." Lord Beaconsfield seems to have overleaped himself in his dealing with Ireland as with other questions.

Intelligent Americans cannot fail to be interested in whatever concerns the British people who speak the same language, and from whom they have derived the great principles of liberty and the rich treasures of the common law.

There is something very singular in the Queen's aversion to Mr. Gladstone and her very marked attachment to Lord Beaconsfield. Any one who has read British history or British periodicals knows how high the estimate placed of Mr. Gladstone by his countrymen for his great moral and intellectual qualities.

statesman. But to run the Liberal Administration without the head would be absurd and dangerous. Mr. Gladstone has done more than every agency in England to break down the Beaconsfield Ministry.

"Mr. Gladstone and his friends are solidly committed to a resistance to any scheme of imperial aggrandizement which Russia may have formed. But they will not insult and irritate Russia by seeking a friendly understanding with the Czar's government. It is the lesser powers, Greece, Servia, Bulgaria, which have gained the most by the Liberal victory; and Mr. Gladstone is the one prominent British man in Europe who has adopted the Greek cause with nearly the enthusiasm of the old Philhellene.

"It matters but little whether the resolutions of the 31st of May, 1875, were the first or second series. In either event they seem to be fatal to the 'Declaration' made on the 20th. If they were the first series, those of the 20th were never adopted at all; and if they were the second series, they went back upon and virtually repealed those of the 20th.

The STAR has before given its opinion of the merits of the claim set up for the genuineness and authenticity of the Mecklenburg Declaration. We cannot go into the matter at length; and at this time. We may say briefly; that we have read pretty much all that has been written pro and con on the subject.

the people were treading an unknown path. It is not surprising that the fiery words of May 20th, uttered immediately after the news of British outrages in Massachusetts had been received, should be toned down somewhat upon reflection.

But whether the two actions—that of the 20th and that of the 31st can be fully reconciled in all particulars or not—of this we are assured; there was an important meeting held at Charlotte on May 20th. The evidence on this point is to our mind absolutely overwhelming. We can have no doubt that than we can doubt any event that rests upon human testimony.

When all kinds of goods began to advance with such rapidity we felt sure it would not last. There was no good reason why iron, for instance, should advance fifty or seventy-five per cent. A gradual rise promised permanency, but a feverish and excited market was sure to result at last in a decline.

There was no advance to a corresponding extent in grain. Cotton has declined, and the prospect is not altogether flattering. It is known that there is a larger acreage planted in cotton in the South, and a much larger acreage planted in grain in the Northwest than in 1879.

cheering view of the future. It says: "The basis of our present prosperity is broad, and as far as human intelligence and industry are concerned, there is every reason to hope that we shall continue to grow fat and make merry, but those persons who hasten to dissipate their profits before they are fairly earned, in speculation or extravagance, will find that they have seized but the shadow, and not the substance, of better times."

COUNTY CONVENTION.

Pursuant to a call of the County Democratic Executive Committee, the delegates appointed by the various Wards and Townships of the city and county, met in County Convention at the Court House in this city, yesterday afternoon, at 8 o'clock. Mr. DuBrutz Cutlar as chairman, of the County Executive Committee, called the Convention to order, and declared the election of a temporary chairman as first in order.

Mr. C. H. Robinson was then unanimously elected permanent Chairman, and Mr. L. L. Boon permanent Secretary. Mr. L. H. Bowden offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted without debate:

Resolved, That the chairman of this Convention appoint seventy-five (75) delegates to the Congressional Convention and forty (40) delegates to the State Convention to be held at Raleigh on the 24th instant to publish the list of the same.

The resolutions as offered by Mr. Darby were then put and adopted as a whole. Mr. J. G. Parker offered the following: Resolved, That the vote of New Hanover county shall be cast as a unit in the State and Congressional elections.

Resolved, That all matters pertaining to nominations for county officials be referred to the Executive Committee of this county, with full power to act. Carried. Mr. J. I. Macks offered the following: Resolved, That the names of Col. A. M. Waddell, in declining the further nomination for Congress, thus harmonizing the Democracy of New Hanover county, is deserving of the thanks of this Convention, and the same are hereby tendered him.

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Spirits Turpentine.

Major Archibald Cameron, of Harnett, is dead, aged 74. The Winston Light Infantry has received and accepted an invitation to visit Durham on the 10th of May. Andrew Joyner proposes, through the Greenville Express, to write up a history of the Pitt county soldiers in the late war.