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## Our Washington Letter

Wisinsaros, D. C., July. 14, 76 From accounts received here of the recent massacre in Hamburg, S. C., it
appears that the Ki-Klux of that vi oinity surpassed themselves in any previous effort of their atrocious calling, and almost rival Sitting-Bull and his band in every savage characteristic. Details from $\mathrm{Ku}-\mathrm{Klux}$ authorisies do not essentially diuer from those
derived from other sources; and but little attempt is made to conceal the satisfiction of the ex-Confederate writers over the cowardly murder and provocation was their attempt at self defence. The following in brief, appear to be some of the facts: Ham-
burg, directly opposite Augusta, Ga. burg, direetly opposite Augusta, Ga.,
on the north bank of the Savanuah on the north bank of the Savanual
river, is populated almost exclusively by colared penple. On the Fourth inst., its colored militia company (a
part of the State militia) sought to celebrate the day by a peaceful pa way with oaths, that fro chivalrous Southern gentlemen might pass, Com pliance was at first declined, but subcommanded to avoid trouble. The next day the company officers were justioe to answer for their aggravated offense. The writs were obeyed and proceedings were postponed until the 7 th inst. On that day the town was filled with hundreds of white men
from the surrounding conntry and from Georgia, well armed, apparently under command of one Butler, a ma
lignant, unreconstructed rebel who insolently demanded that the members of the militia company should surrender their arms. It was agreed
to do so if Butler would guarantee their safety. This condition was re fused and the company relired to the armory. This was immediately at to dislodge the occupapts with the means at hand, and after an ineffeel accomplished by artillery. During dow, some of the negroes were idtle with bullets, and others who were cap tured were shot down like dogs, after and the bodies mutilated. Their ap. peals or 1 to by met by Jo merriment. Afer these barbarities, the sacked. Every account thus far re eeived goes to show that a pretext wa
daliberately sought, through two inso lent, blaspheming blackguards for the butchery of these inoffensive men
who at their own homes and among their own people were quielly enjoy ing the day without a purpose to inhere, paralyzed for the moment by the political consequences threatened, have constituency by a shout of "bloody shirt" or "campaign lie."
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agreed Conference Committee have agreed upon the silver bin. It issue
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five dollars, but it does nut provid for the retirement of greeubneks peid into the Tressury for sillver The Iegisataiye, army, diplomati
and Indian appropriation bills are be fore the Conference Committees, with ment topon either. The Bauking and Currency Committee yesterday post poned again the vote upon the propo
sition to repeal the resumption ac till Monday. It is belieyed that will fail.
The swindle which passed the Hons
months ago, known as the river and harbor appropriation bin, and in
which about every member of the which about every member of the
committee sought to increase his liom popularity by securing appropriation
for the duck and frog ponds in his dis trict, has undergone a severe course of treatment in the Senate. It appropri ates about the sutne amount of mone as contemplated by the House reform
ed; but the number. of its bequest ed; but the number of its bequest creased by striking out the House ap propriations for unheard of streama and adding the same to sums alread It is make the terms of the Lawrence Pa cific railroad bill which recently pass ed the House, still more severe upon those monopolies. It is a bad year here are aghast at the outiook.
Since the disaster to Custer, the adroit reformers in the House desire to know of the Secretary of War th and Territories, with a view to show-
ing that the Indian fighters had bee sent on their warlike erraud unsup ported, while large bodies of troops were kent in the South to overawe it
chivalric white citizens and force up on them "nigger supremacy," But appears that the proportion quartered
in that section does not exceed that retained in the Nort
President
President Grant's letter to ex-Sec retary Bristow, relieving bim fron
any obligations, of secrecy as to kowledge of State matters and whisky of the Cabinet, and exprssing the hope at any member of his Cabinet sum is curiosity, has taken the wind com pletely out of the Demooratic sails. The slight ripple occasioned b has alrendy subsided.
The House managers in the Belkna ept the examiation of Evaus, wl is.expected here every day, and it
rot probable that the defence will co sume more than two or three days,
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-In referring to the extravagance and injustice of the House appropria
ious for river and harbor improve meats, wherein the South takes the
lion's share, the New York Time says: "This is an economical and
fragal House. At this, yery moment it is appealing to the country to behol
it as it stanig by to prevent the Senat from wasting money in Norfolk at
New York larbors, while the mil treams of Buncombe and the Kan wha are drying up for want of Con
gressional aid. Reform is neeessar Mr. Rendall is holding Congress the waistband, so to speak, while lo 0 ghis over a bill that spends 825 be more than enough.

- We find nothing in the St. platform better than what we found refurm," as we have sall, oecurs fif cen times. It is a good word, bu
after we have read it twelve times begins to kouad empty. "Something
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