

THE REVIVAL of the civil rights question by the republican party is much to be regretted, as it may stir up strife and ill-will between the white and colored citizens of the South.

We have heretofore published and commented upon that plank of the republican platform adopted by their national convention at Chicago, in which they revive this civil rights question.

As some of our readers may not have read it, we again publish it as follows: "We extend to the Republicans of the South, regardless of their former party affiliations, our cordial sympathy and pledge to them our most earnest efforts to promote the passage of such legislation as will secure to every citizen of whatever race or color, full and complete recognition, possession and exercise of all CIVIL and political rights."

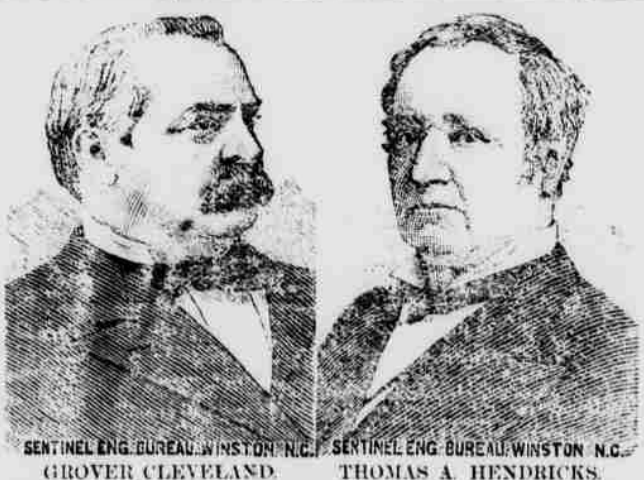
As it is remembered that the above is a part of the platform, or one of the principles, adopted and declared by the republican party in their last nominating convention. The nominees of that convention, Blaine and Logan, have both heartily endorsed that platform.

Not only this, but Dr. Tyre York, the republican candidate for Governor in this State, has declared in his published letter of acceptance that he also endorses that platform, civil rights and all.

Of course, then, every man who votes for Blaine or York does thereby endorse civil rights. How can any white man in North Carolina do this? The colored people are given every political and legal right that is exercised by the white people, and we wish them to be fully protected in those rights, but "civil rights" are another thing.

Civil rights include the right for the colored people to mix with white people, at the hotels, on the cars and steamboats, in the theatres, in the churches and at the public schools. In other words the republican party wishes to blot out and disregard the distinction and difference between the two races that have been established by God Almighty!

The colored people of the South will never consent to this, nor do the colored people desire it. The two races are dependent each upon the other, and are living together most friendly, and neither race wishes to break up that friendly feeling. We believe that the white people of the State would never pay one dollar for the public schools, if their children were forced to go to the same schools with negro children.



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Address of the State Committee, Democratic State Ex. Committee, Raleigh, N. C., July 16th, 1884.

It is fitting that, before the beginning of a campaign, those who in a sense are entrusted with its direction, should utter some words of cheer and counsel to those who are to fight the battles. While much depends on the skill of the leaders in these battles, the result, victory or defeat, is dependent at last on the courage and faithfulness of the rank and file.

There are in this State and in the United States but two parties. Of the few disappointed or misguided men who have deserted from the Democratic ranks, after skimming awhile under the name of Liberals against the cause to which they had pledged their allegiance, some have become fully incorporated in the ranks of the enemy, while others have returned and are again in line with their old comrades.

The contrast between the two national platforms is striking. The Republican is in the main but a repetition of those of past campaigns, deals in generalities and offers no warrant that the corrupt practices which have disgraced past administrations are not to be continued. Worse than that, it contains deliberate attempt to revive the issue of civil rights, after good men every where were led to believe that question had been settled, as well by enlightened public opinion as by a decision of the highest court of the land.

Thus to throw a firebrand between the two races of the South now friendly and young becoming so, is a desperate venture on a political crime. The National Democratic platform after arranging the party in power for its friends and short-comings, pledges those who are to fight the battles of the campaign upon the purity of the administration from corruption, to restore economy, to revive respect for law, and to reduce taxation to the lowest limit consistent with a due regard to the preservation of the faith of the nation, and demands that in living the truth it should be made to bear heaviest on articles of luxury and highest on those of necessity.

While insisting on a reduction in the revenue standard so as to avoid a surplus in the treasury, it freely admits that in changing the law to effect this end, care should be taken that American labor is not deprived of the ability to compete successfully with cheaper foreign labor, and that some regard must be had for the capital invested in industries which have relied on legislation for successful continuance.

The very existence of a tariff negates the idea of absolute free trade, and the intent of the platform is to approximate that ideal standard for the good of the many, as nearly as may be, without injury to our home industries and those who make an honest living (and not great fortunes) out of them.

A similar contrast can be observed in the Republican and Democratic State platforms, and a careful study of them is recommended to all who have the opportunity. We only call attention to the fact that our demands the immediate and unconditional abolition of the odious internal revenue system, and admits the necessity of retaining the present, or adopting another similar system of county government, for the protection of the white people of our eastern counties. The contrast between the candidates of the two parties for the offices of President and Vice President is not less striking.

His high prerogative by assisting in the selection of faithful public servants. This he can do by informing himself and his neighbors about public issues, and seeing to it that he and they vote at the election. Let not a white man of one of our eastern counties in which there is little or no prospect of electing local Democratic candidates, stay from the polls for that reason.

Work to be effective must be organized. Let the county committees everywhere be composed of good men intelligent, active, zealous Democrats, who will see that the township committees are fully organized and in working trim. Let the township committees report regularly and fully to the county committees and let the latter report in like manner to this committee.

Our Washington Letter. Washington, D.C., July 23, 84. In the week that has passed since the National Convention adjourned there has been opportunity to consider its work and estimate the strength of the ticket nominated. It is a pretty good evidence that no mistake has been made in that satisfaction increases daily and that if the convention were to be held over again no change would be made.

It is interesting to talk with those excited office holders and so far nervous they are. It makes them more watchful because there is so little ground upon which to attack the Democratic ticket and platform, while their own are so effectively assailed. Gov. Cleveland's limited experience in office holding is about the only argument advanced. The sum total of his public service is as Mayor of Buffalo and Governor of New York, says a local Blaine organ. But what rubbish is that all that is!

So the experience argument falls. Any man with any capacity and administrative ability, and above all firmness and honesty of character for purpose can excellently fill the office of President. Governor Cleveland has all the qualifications and he has been Mayor of the city of Buffalo, where he reached and mastered the great and being position of municipal government, under circumstances of difficulties. It is also a thing of honor to have filled and satisfaction to the people the office of Governor of the largest State in the Union, a position the executive requirements of which are second only to those of the Presidency.

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