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THE ISSUE JOINED.

The Republican party is planting itself squarely upon the wholesale negro, suffrage issue, and upon that issue will contest the next Presidential election. In every authoritative way its leaders and public bodies are giving the rank and file to understand that their conduct in ravishing from the States their control of suffrage, in devolving largely to Southern white men, and in conferring it by act of Congress, in the wholesale, upon ignorant and dependent negroes, is to be adhered to, defended and upheld.

Retreat from that position, in which their acts have steadily committed them, would have been dangerous, perhaps fatal, to their party supremacy. They have deliberately chosen to stand fast rather than retreat; to run the risk of losing some Northern States, with the hope of retaining others where their majority is now largest, and with the certainty of counting the votes of the ten negro States in the Electoral College. Nothing less than a control of the suffrage thus usurped and thus bestowed or taken upon the Southern negroes, could give them the hope, much less the certainty, of so countering the votes of the ten negro States.

This certainly they are making doubly sure.

In the first place, the House of Representatives, in a strict party division, passed, by a unanimous Republican vote, the resolution of Mr. Benjamin of Missouri, keying up the party to this extreme pitch, and declaring its intention to recede not one inch.

In the second place, the House of Representatives passed the resolution reported by Thad Stevens from the Reconstruction Committee, abjuring that clause in the final Reconstruction act which requires the ballots of at least half the registered voters in any State to be cast in order to give validity to their acceptance or rejection of the hedge-hedge constitutions now cooking. The abolition of this clause, which the Senate will doubtless join the House in effecting, makes it impossible for the whites of the South, by refusing to vote, to defeat the negro constitutions. Ten negroes in each State, a hundred negroes in all, provided ninety-nine only were to oppose them, can adopt these constitutions, can present them for acceptance to Congress whose action is no ways doubtful, can thus not merely dispose of eight millions of practically disfranchised whites, but can also, unless nearly the whole north is solidly united against them, impose a President, a government, and a governmental policy upon thirty millions of American freemen.

Every day, in some way or other, this position of the Republican party, this its desperate purpose to degrade a government rather than administer it, to ruin the country rather than rule it, is explicitly and openly reaffirmed. Now it is a conversion of Thad Stevens, now it is a speech of Senator Wilson of Massachusetts, now it is a declaration of "Cognacratives" John Sherman, Senator from Ohio, which holds the party stilly up to this issue—suffrage ravished by Congress from States the right of distribution of it denied largely to white Southerners and imposed by wholesale upon stolid blacks, thousands of whom forged the very names under which they were registered, and are in blank ignorance of the use and purpose of the ballot-box to which they are marched in gibbering platoons.

The latest reaffirmation of the purpose of the Republican party is contained in the letter of their favorite, Mr. Speaker Colfax, to the notorious Freedmen's Bureau man, Conway. "You need not fear that Congress will take any backward step in reconstruction," he says. "We have staked our political existence on the principle that the States lately in rebellion shall be reorganized on the enduring corner stones," etc ad nauseam. I would not modify the terms of reconstruction, in any essential feature, a hair's breadth." To this final modification, however, for the sake of the electoral votes of the ten negro States made sure, Speaker Colfax has consented. But it is no essential feature that is changed, let it be granted, for the whole controversy, from the first letter to this last, is an organized machine of military despotism, un-Republican, cruel, and infamous in every part.

It is entirely possible, of course, it is even probable, that the Republicans in Convention at Chicago in May, remembering this November's elections, will omit to affirm in their platform what they have organized in their policy; it is probable that they will still further seek to retain the votes of their discontended adherents by nominating a quasi-Conservative candidate, who has only tolerated and not shared in the shameful partisanship now existing to keep Republicans in power.

But the issue cannot be changed by any political cunning. The law will have been enacted which they will then onset to obtrude. The laws will be going on from which they will seek to divert the public gaze. Their candidate himself will be elected, if it can, by the very votes of the negroes thus endowed with authority over the destinies of the Northern people. The issue joined now cannot be obscured then. That was possible in 1865. The elections of 1867 show that it will not be possible in 1868.

And now we undertake to say that upon this issue candidates, whatever their title to public estimation upon other grounds, whatever their past services or their present popularity, upon this most momentous issue our candidates will be of small importance. The most momentous issue most honored—American citizens, under this flag, would be shot down by the bullet of his countrymen, with little hesitation as they would fall the more despised. Close or Grant would fare no better than Butler or Stanton; for, with the people, nothing is easier to stand in the way of the good of the country, all else is trivial beside that.

Assuredly the Republican party has taken up the strongest of the strategical positions open to it for its defense in the contest of 1868. In any other angle? what would have been inevitable. Their hereditary lack of faith in the single mindedness, and intelligence of the people has blinded the Republican leaders to the fact that in this position defeat, equally inevitable, will beset them over whelmingly.

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