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EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

THE "LILLY WHITE" CROWD

WE hear much talk among the Republicans of the splendid convention held at Graham, on the 7th. Oh, it was composed of white people entirely, not a negro delegate present. Staupch and true men were appointed as delegates to the different conventions, A patriotic speech was made by Mr. John T. Fogleman ; Heenan . Hughes was elected chairman of the Executive Committee, and everything went off as smooth as a blunderbus in the hands of a scared English coachman. And they are laughing themselves hoarse in the belief that they have fooled the people and made them believe that they have eliminated the negro from politics. A 'lily white" convention! But why the absence of the negro? Because, weeks before, runner-were seat to every precinct in the county instructing that no negro delegates be appointed, and insisting that the negro stay in the background and avoid making himself obnoxious until after the amendment question had been settled. When before has a convention ever been held in Alamance county, when the negro was so conspicuous by his abscence? Why does the negro thus consent to stay in the back-ground? It is because the Republicans realize that if the negro enters policies this year and makes himself obnoxious as usual the feeling of contempt which has been brueing for so long by his actions that members of his and which is manifesting itself in an effort to forever eliminate him from politics, by the passage of the Constitutional Amendment, will be inoreased and his fate, together with that of the politicians dependent upon their vote, will be sealed so far as a says so in the government that convention through delegates of our affairs is concerned. Hence his absence from the convention on the 7th.

Tell us not that the negro would thus submit to being ignored; tell us not that he has quietly given up his part in politics of his own accord, and betaken himself to this political The ruse won't work. The Repub-

ack to his farm and his plok, and just as much a negro party to-day as quietly quitted himself from this contest which is so vital to his interest. No. He has resigned his position in this campaign only for a moment, and that only at the earnest Gen. McArthur put in his ; lace. It pleadings and sppesis of his politi- is true that Otis has made a dismal

would, of his own accord, at this a successful end, but we have our hour, still his voice which has been heard in the political wrangles of the Republican party for a quarter of a century; and we are sure that the leaders in THIS convention; especially, would be the last to want his permanent retirement-if so, why are they working so hard against the amendment which would certainly secure this end. This is the thinnest ruse we ever heard of. To try and make us believe . that the negro has quietly betaken himself from politics, at this hour, at a time when they are wrought up as never before when their franchise right hangs in the balance, and when their very soul is stirred within them, is foolishness. And equally as foolish to seek to make us believe that they have compelled his withdrawal from

politics when they are working night and day against a measure which would accomplish this withdrawal. They realize that they need the

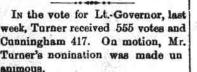
negro in politics and realize it forcibly, and they realize that if he does not stay in the back ground, but is allowed to take part in this campaign he will render himself so obnoxious own party will be so disgusted with him as to vote for his disfranchisement, and hence their absence at this convention. There is not a word of truth in their claim of a white man's convention, for the negro had just as large a representation in elected and instructed by them as if they had been there in person, as the

action of the convention proved-for we deny that their actions were the will of the better element of the Republican party, but that of the side controlled by the absent negroes.

xile; tell us not that he has gone lican party in Alamance county is it ever was AND A GREAT BEAL MORE

GEN. OTIS has been relieved of command of the Philippines and cal leaders. We do not believe he failure in bringing the campaign to doubts about McArthur improving the situation. We have expended millions of dollars and sacrificed thousands of lives in the war of contest, and it seems to us that it is no nearer an end now, except in official reports and the imagination of some than when we started in. Gen. Otis has probably done his best as commander in the Philippines, but he found much more opposition against American authority than he expected, and the magnitude of his task of conquering was greater than could have been anticipated. We are afraid that the cessation of hostilities is in the distant future.

THE experience of Texas, Mississipppi and Georgia, and other South ern States every year or so in having many of their cities and towns washed away by floods makes us thankful that we live in a country where nature is kind and where there is no danger of our waking up any morning to find our house floating around in an improvised ocean, or turned up-side-down by a cyclone. In the great flood in Texas, last week, lives were lost, Crops were destroyed and millions of dollars worth of property washed away. In many places the inhabitants had to anchor their houses to trees with chains to keep them from going to destruction with the others. We are glad that we do not live in a country where we are in perpetual dread of destruction at the hands of the elements.



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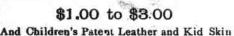
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