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It is a nice commentary on Republican methods when it is said that, "The Committee on Credentials holds the key to the situation and the Blaine men have the control of the committee."

It is rather difficult to prepare editorial notes today. The Minneapolis Convention absorbs public attention and every succeeding moment is fought with more interest than that which preceded it. Perhaps our readers will know all about it before this issue of the JOURNAL reaches them.

"The Third Party" in Sampson ("a two-year older") seems to be in need of an organ. We suggest that it adopt the Wilmington Messenger. That paper has already been rendering some encouragement and assistance to that element in these parts. But why don't the railroads, which seem to be backing the element here, furnish them the money to start a paper here in Clinton—Caucasian. We do not know the special wants of the party referred to, but if they need civilization, enlightenment and refinement they cannot do better than to read the Wilmington Messenger.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.
We have not seen the full text of the Republican Platform, but enough has been evolved at Minneapolis to foreshadow it.

Both the temporary and permanent chairman of the Convention spoke in no doubtful terms of the suppression of the free ballot at the South, and the manner in which their utterances were received indicate the endorsement of a force bill similar to that passed by the House in the 51st Congress.

The election of McKinley as President of the Convention, the homage shown him by the delegates, and the universally expressed sentiment of approval of the present tariff show that the convention is a high protective tariff body.

The applause that greeted the appearance of Reed at Minneapolis and the compliments showered upon him on all hands, was a most forcible avowal of the approval of his revolutionary methods, and an emphatic endorsement of the Congress of which he was master.

The Platform then, will be a declaration in favor of a high protective tariff, a Force bill, and the prodigal expenditure of the people's money.

It matters very little who is the standard-bearer of a party standing on such a platform. His defeat is inevitable. The educational campaign has advanced too far to doubt for a moment that the American people will pronounce against such measures by an unprecedented majority.

If the Chicago Convention is governed by a modicum of reason, and nominates a candidate commanding the confidence of the people, Democratic victory will be glorious and complete.

THE enormous overflow in the Mississippi valley shows that the defenses against the encroachments of that stream at high water, still most defective in spite of the great outlay of money which has been made to protect the lowlands by a system of levees. Each overflow however, instead of being allowed to be a cause for discouragement should only move Congress to increase the appropriations and adopt still more energetic methods to keep the Fathers of Waters in his banks. The interests dependent upon this are too great to be exposed to this annually occurring loss. The damage inflicted by one of these floods would in itself go far to raise a permanent barrier against its repetition.—Richmond Times.

THE Mobile Register says that if Cleveland is nominated he will get the vote of Southern Democrats. Not all, we fear—not a part of the Alliance. It says that "It is absolutely certain that if Mr. Cleveland is the nominee there is grave danger of losing about twenty of the close districts of the South. Any man conversant with politics can cast his eyes upon the Southern districts which hang by a thread." We do not believe that Cleveland's nomination will cause this loss. Some few members might be defeated, but the truth is that the present Congress is disappointing and it will be prudent to count on losses of members in every section whoever may be the nominee. The 150 majority in the House cannot be kept up, and it is not desirous that it should be. Able, experienced men are needed more than a big majority.—Messenger.

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