## THE GEORGIA SITUATION.

We have read with more than ordinary interest for the last two or three weeks, the pyrotecnic discharges of a weekly paper published in the city of Atlanta devoted ostensibly to the interest of the Odd Fellows, but incidentally to politics. It's thunder mingled with threats and menaces have aroused our interest, and we have longed for some light as to the reason of it's present fury. So far there has been no light.

Names which the country has learned to honor and respect for consecration to the principles of the Grand Old Party, and for high character have been flippantly, and in an uncomplimentary manner dealt with.

In this respect this weekly has been no respector of persons, so far as race color or previous conditions were concerned, for it has slapped the honored Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee as severely in the face, although he is the son of an ex-Governor of the state, and himself a man of the highest social position as any, and has steered so clearly and fully according to the chart of the Republican Party that none heretofore have found it in their hearts to criticise him; yet, he has fallen in the disfavor of the gentlemen who run the *Independent,* and they have not hesitated to "slash" him.

The distinguished Secretary of the State Committee, whom we are informed has occupied that position for the last twenty-five or thirty years, and who has, in all the relations of life acquitted himself, well and creditably—never found wanting in loyalty to the party of which he is a high representative, nor, in advocacy of the principes which underlie and uphold the race with which he is identified, has been most severely dealt with.

The Collector of the Internal Revenue, who in the discharge of his official duties, has reflected credit upon his race throughout the country, and who gives employment to more colored men to-day, in that service than are employed anywhere in the South has been criticised mercilessly by the gentlemen who are conducting that weekly.

Col. H. P. Farrow, SANS PEUR EST SANS REPROCHE, who presided over the late state convention as it's permanent Chairman has also been scathingly referred to.

National Committeeman Lyons who has been in the lime light of public scrutiny in this city for the last six or seven years seems to have incurred the especial disfavor of the gentlemen back of this weekly. About the National Committeemen we claim to be able to speak with some degree of authority. If there has ever been a colored man in a position in this city ,who was authorized to speak for the party and for the race and who has spoken fearlessly, but wisely, we do not hesitate to say that he is one among those men. Sometimes we have doubted the wisdom of his boldness; but time has demonstrated that. That he has been efficient in representing the forces in his state, no other statement is necessary to establish this fact, than that the *colored people* to-day in the *state* of *Georgia* hold *more representative offices,* and three times as many subordinate offices as they do in any other state in the south; and this has been accomplished largely by the splendid tact and diplomacy of this National Committeeman, who is now the subject of the severest criticism of the men who are backing the *Independent.*

Thecolored men of the country are utterly opposed to "Lily-whitism." They believe that there is no warrant for it, neither in the history nor traditions of the Republican Party. There is practically no "Lily-whitism in the state of Georgia, and it has been largely through the splendid management of National Committeeman Lyons and the superb republicanism of Col. Waltetr H. Johnson, whom we know and have met several times in this city, that this happy state of affairs exists there.

Something is said about a state ticket. Well—where is there a Republican in the country who is not in favor of a state ticket? if that is the wisest and best thing to do; but politics in this day of our Lord, for the colored man is not a play-thing. It is a business which requires the widest knowledge and the deepest wisdom, and what is more the exercise of things in the management of affairs. All of the large states of the south except Georgia have disfranchised their colored voters, and it seems for this transcendant wrong no case has yet been brought to the Supreme Court that will enable it to take cognizance of this invasion of American liberty—throttle it and furnish a remedy. Speaking from the standpoint of a colored man, under the circumstances, what is best for the colored voters of Georgia? What is wisest? Quite an element in the state have sought to disfranchise the colored people. One man has been rewarded for his efforts in that line by a seat in the Federal Congress in this city. Now—so far the disfranchisers have not been able to increase their forces to the extent of controlling the legislature! and, as the result, the colored men of Georgia are free to vote in all the elections and have the only colored member of any legislature in the south. This fact is noted to the credit of the state, all over the country. Could the Republican party of the state elect a state ticket, if one should be put forward? Could it even get it a creditable vote? Failing in getting a creditable vote, would that fact not react upon the electorial ticket in November? Again, is it not certain that the forces of the disfranchisers would be largely increased to such an extent that in all probability within three years Georgia would be placed in the category with South Carolina, Mississippi and the other southern states which have disfranchised the colored people. If this thing is true, then what is true leadership? Is it not to wait for a better day when human liberty shall become dearer to the hearts of the Americans; and when the elective franchise can be exrcised with freedom by all rather than to throw it away in a fruitless effort now To an outsider this appears to be the course of real leadership.

Eight years ago North Carolina used to elect a number of Republican Congressmen, one of whom was always colored—several members of the legislature, and some county officers. This policy was abandoned, and a violent agitation all along the line to control things, resulted in placing the "Tar Heel" state in the unenviable column with South Carolina, Mississippi, etc. To-day that state has not a single *Republican Representative* in *Congress,* nor a solitary *colored member* of the legislature; and, we repeat, the only colored member in any legislature in the *south is in Georgia. Is it not wise to let well-enough alone?* Especially under present conditions.

We are constrained to indulge in these reflections, because of some caustic criticisms passed upon a few paragraphs of ours a week or so ago.

We are disposed, indeed almost forced to believe that our friends who have been so violently vituperative have not thought well of what they are doing. To us the course of affairs there appear to have been eminently prudent, eminently wise, and thoroughly saturated with good, hard common sense.

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The following members joined the conference. Revs. T. Toliver, A. H. Strother, C. H. Turner, Alfred A. Egerton, and Brother E. Cooper.

Rev. Benjamin E. Stroud, B. D., was introduced and read a paper on Christianity. Coming from the source it did none should be surprised when we say it is an excellent production and ably rendered.

Dr. Stroud is president of the Parmalee Industrial Institute, Parmalee, N. C., and is a rising Star in the educational horizon.

The following officers were elected: Revs. Alfred A. Egertpn, secretary; T. Toliver, assistant secretary; H. H. Kelly, vice-president; A. H. Strother, assistant treasurer; C. H .Turner, chairman of executive committee.

By request of the conference, Rev. Alfred A. Egerton will read a paper on Journalism, next Monday, 25th inst., at 2:30 o'clock p. m. The public is invited. Great good is anticipated as a result of this conference.

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