

SOUTHERN POLITICAL METHODS.

The Southern white politicians are a consistent set, to say the least. For the last half century they have done all in their power to destroy the republic, to maintain slavery, to keep alive sectional strife, and since the days of John C. Fremont, have opposed with all their might, by fraud and intimidation the election of a republican president. When the election is over, however, they come in for their share of the loaves and fishes, and scramble for office just as though they had not done everything in their power to defeat those from whom they are seeking favors. Of the thousand and one places given to democrats in the South, President McKinley and President Roosevelt have received little or no credit, but when it comes to giving a colored man a place—and the colored people constitute the bone and sinew of the Republican party in the South—a great howl is made of Negro domination, social equality and other such nonsense. The nomination of Dr. Crum to a little \$1,400 place in Charleston, S. C., has drawn forth the anathemas of the entire South on President Roosevelt's head. Just a few days ago the new place created in San Domingo, which pays \$5,000 a year was given to a Secretary to represent the colored people of the United States in the black republic. A new Consul at Port-au-Prince has just been appointed to this same black republic, and he is a white man. All of the officials sent to Porto Rico, Cuba and the Philippine Islands are white men, and yet we still hear the echoes from Indianola, of Dr. Crum's appointment in Charleston. Out of all fairness the Southern white man ought to shut up or at least try to be consistent. Here is what the News and Courier says:

When he was in Charleston, two years ago, the President was received with the utmost cordiality, and the people here believed in him. The white people of the South on his several visits to this part of the country have treated him with marked consideration. The very same people have protested against his course in the Crum case, but without making the least impression upon him. He insists upon doing a wrong thing, and an unnecessary thing, and he will crack the lash over the backs of the Republican Senators until they do his will. There is absolutely no benefit to be gained for the Government or for the Negro by Crum's appointment. He would emphasize only the brutality of the administration in dealing with an issue which the administration has made for itself. The Negro in the South will not profit by Crum's appointment and confirmation certainly, and even at the worst the white people of this part of the country will be able to stand four years more of irresponsible rule at Washington."

NEGRO PRESS ASSOCIATION.

As was predicted by the Chicago Conservator last December, when we heard that the would-be Afro-American Council had thrown off all disguise and appeared in its true political colors, the few Negroes who compose that body are now getting ready to storm the National Republican Convention as power and office seekers. They will come out as a committee from "the great and only Negro National Repub-

lican organization in the world," and say we are the people. They should be headed off.

There is one Negro Press Association really in existence and Nick Chiles, of the Plaindealer, at Topeka, is president of it. Bro. Chiles might give the president, Bro. Cyrus Fields Adams, some pointers if Adams could spend a time with him.—Conservator.

We now have religious politics galore. The Methodist Episcopal Church, whose quadrennial conference is being held in Los Angeles, Cal., are threshing the straws for the election of a colored Bishop. The African Methodist Episcopal Church, holding similar conference in Chicago is battling for more bishops and more efficient officers in the various departments of the church. While in St. Louis, Mo., the African Methodist Episcopal Zion quadrennial conference is squabbling over the election of more Bishops. These are stormy times in church politics.

The Indiana race journals seem to have forgotten the fact that the National Negro Business League meets in Indianapolis the latter part of next August.

SINGING AS A MEANS TO BEAUTY.

Dr. Grace Peckham Murray is divulging a great many interesting secrets in her monthly papers in *The Delineator* under the heading of "The Fountain of Youth." In the June number the subject under discussion is "The Neck and Arms"—points of such anxiety to the girl who wishes to look her best in evening dress. Dr. Murray passes under review the questions of redundant and deficient flesh, of undeveloped chest, of superfluous hairs and rough skin, and recommends such natural and healthy remedies as massage, bathing, gymnastic exercises and voice cultivation. Regarding the last named as a means to beauty she says: "The potency of voice culture may be observed in those who make singing a profession. They have beautiful necks and throats without unsightly hollows. It is because they have to supply an ample quantity of fresh air in order to vocalize, and as a result the whole system feels the benefit. Even if one can not sing much, it is most beneficial to take singing lessons."

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