

"Lily Whites."

The time has well-nigh arrived when indiscriminate abuse of the democratic party because southern democrats object to negro domination will have lost its force. Within the last few years the race question has outgrown party lines. It has outgrown them in the south, for instance, to just the extent that there has been builded up a republican party in the south.

So long as all whites south of Mason's and Dixon's line were democrats, and all blacks were republicans, just that long was it possible for the republican party in the southern states to be the black man's party. But that day has past. There has been an influx into the south of northern republicans. Not all of these have been willing to renounce their party allegiance; yet very few were willing to associate with a party which the negroes dominated. With Yankee shrewdness they cast about for a way out. They talked with sugar planters and others whose selfish interests would naturally make republicans of them.

In the end the result was the organization of the "lily white" republican party, which is rapidly gaining supremacy over the negro faction of the republican party in the black belt states. Recent news dispatches from New Orleans tell that at the state convention of lily white republicans every parish in the state was represented—something that probably has never happened before—"but there were no negro delegates." A full state ticket was nominated on a platform devoted largely to state affairs



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and "Caucasian supremacy." The lily whites, it is added, already have control of the federal offices in the state.

Even in Nebraska, with the incentives of Mickeyism and Dietrichism, it is seldom that the republican party holds a state convention with every county represented. Probably in no southern state was such a convention ever held until the issue was boldly drawn, and it was decided, by republicans, "to rob the negro of the ballot." But now the republicans of Louisiana meet, with no negro delegates, to make the fight for Caucasian supremacy, and "every parish in the state is represented."

All of which goes to show that the race question naturally has nothing to do with the republican or democratic parties as national organizations or as state organizations. It is not a party question. It is a race question. When white republicans are placed in the same situation as white democrats both respond to the stimulus in the same way. Both will make the fight for Caucasian supremacy.

And yet, in all probability, republican politicians will continue for years to come to denounce southern democrats for their position on the "negro question."—Omaha World-Herald.

Two Rivers (Wis.) Chronicle: As far as democratic principles and platforms are concerned the time has come for democrats to "stand pat." The reaffirmation of the Kansas City platform in general terms will no more revive the silver money ques-

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tion than the reaffirmation by the republicans of their Philadelphia platform will revive the question of high tariffs. Each of these questions are not now prominent or pressing, as far as the two parties are concerned. But they are neither dead nor discarded and can be taken up at any time that circumstances warrant their discussion. A silver dollar (the dollar of our daddies) is still a mighty good dollar and no man was every physically wrecked by carrying it around in his pocket.