

We are aware that some members of the Democratic party, for various reasons, have lent their influence in favor of the proposition, and others have proposed to remain silent, acquiescing in what they deemed a "foregone conclusion." Gentlemen have said to us, "Let it go without a word of opposition—give the negrophilists rope enough, and they will hang themselves." While we have no sort of objection to their metaphorical execution, it does not comport with our sense of duty to allow the passage of a measure so detrimental to the public interests as indiscriminate negro suffrage, merely for the sake of reaping a partisan triumph. But we are powerless in the matter, and can only appeal to the good sense of Republicans to save the State from the evil designs of the fanatical members of their party, who "know not what they do." The word "*white*," as a qualification for suffrage, was adopted by the Republican Constitutional Convention, as well as by the Democratic Convention, almost unanimously;