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| The Rising Power in the South. Tus lateat idea upon which the conservatives are harping, is that the Congressional plan of reoonstruotion is going to result in giving the negroes the dominancy in each of the late Rebel States. But this can only happen in the most of those States as a consequence of the refiusal of the white oitizens to take a part in the work of reconstruction. And if they do this, they will have themselves to thank for the result. If the Republioans of this state should refuse to go to the polls and vote, they could not justly complain if the Demoorats should oarry the day. So in the late Rebel States, if the white citizens are too proud, or sullen, or obstinate, or careless, or apathetic to register themselves, and vote, they will get very little sympathy at the North, even if the negroes, who show more sense, shall obtain the politioal control. In that oase we shall at least have the consolation of knowing that the Southern State Governments are in the hands of loyal men, who will not attempt to take them out of the Union, or array them in hostility to it . <br> But this whole idea of negro dominancy as a necesary result of the loyal plan of reconstruotion is false. In all but two States of the South, South Carolina and Mississippi, the white population largely outaumbers the colored, as the following table of the approximate number of inhabitants and voters, estimated from the census returns of 1860 , will show:- |
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 If all were registered the white majorities
would be as follows:-In Alabama, 26,278 ;
 48,596; Texas, 45,000; Virginia, 39,540. The
black majorities would be-in Mississippi, 2370;
South Carolina, 6439 . The only question that remains is as to the
number of persons disfranchised by the Re-
construction aets of Congress. This is very voters-probably not more than from theree to
five per oent. The disfranohisement does not
rench to the massee of the people at all. It
anly only applies to those who in some official capa-
city had taken the ooth of allegiance to the
Government and afterwards went into the Rebellion. How manll a proportion this class of
ferrions must bear to the whole communaty in
any Southern State is apharent an an and any Southern State is apparent at a glance.
But tho throw the State into the hands of the
negroes, it would take, in Alabama, a disfrannegroes, it would take, in Alabama, a disfran-
ohisoment of nearily thirty per cent. of the
white voters; in Arkansas, almost seventy-five por cent.; in Florida, thirty-three and a half
per cent.; in Georgis, thirty-five per cent.; in
Louisiana, iffy per cent.; in Virginia, thirtyseven per cent., and so on.
If the negroess obtain power, therefore, in the late Rebel States, excepting South Caro-
lina and Mississipi, it will not be because
the whitees are disfranchised. It will be beoause they are obstinate, and wilful, and dotermined to defy the Government in its work
of reconstruetion. It will be because they supinely sit down and refuse to help them-
selves. But in such a case they will neither It is not negro dominanoy, but Republi
dominanoy, that these conservatives faar. is the prospective loss of political power that
alarms them. They belold the old Southern unity, brought about by class rule, broken
up. They see the Republican party being
thoroughly organized in every Southern State, and attracting to ita ranks the people, both white and black. They witness the growth tionize the old parties, the old habits, the old customs, and the old modes of thinking in
the South. It is this rising, growing, triumphing Republican party in the South whioh our
conservatives fear; and they had to-day rather that the late Rebel States should remain out
of the Union indefinitely, and subjeot to mili.upon a basis of equality before the law for all men.
The Republican party knows nothing of races or oolors. It recognizes simply the peo-
ppe. It seeks only the dominanoy of the peo-
phe the rightful sovereigus in every state. ple, the rightfal sovereigns in every State.
This is true demooracy-none of your iham
stuff dressed up in the cast-of rags of aristocracy, but renl, genuine demooraoy-power
with the people. We know the doetrine it distacteful to our conservatives, who believe in olass rule, and who
people, but it is the grand dootrine of the age,
and is marohing forward from vietory to viotory all over the world. It has just achleved a great triumph in England, and doubled the
number of her voters. Conservatives there, as here, gnash their teeth and prognostioate
all sorts of evil, but the movement goes
steadly and frresistibly onward. It is "manifest destiny." Humanity is bound to try the
demooratio experiment, and conservatism mast got out of the way, or it will be run over and
trampled under foot. trampled under foot

 accomplished in the romoval of politioas diss-
biltes froun this olass of our oltizens, the great
work of their permanent elevation must be work or their pormanont elevation must be
mninly yoheved throngh theer oduaction. And
it is one of the most hopeful faots connecte it is one of the most hopeful faots conneoted
with the freedment that they are so anxious to
learn, and are willing to make saonilioes to oblearn, and are Wing io make soonioes to ob--
tinn soloools. Thus we find, by the report of
the Superintendent of Eduoation in South
Caroilina, that the collored people have conCarolina, that the oolored people have con-
tributed during the past year over $\$ 17,000$ to-
wards their publio sohools and this too in Wards their publio soloools; and this, too, in ad-
dition to paying their taxes for tho support of
publio schools in such oittes as Charleston. The old idea that was so strongly fostered
by the aupporters of siavery, that the negro
was inompable of education, his mind, if ho had
any, belgof of an inferior sort, is rapidy being
dissipated by the facts that develop them-
selves in the selves in the sehools of the froedmen. It
is found that he takes kindly to all the rudi-
ments of knowledgo usually taught in the
sehools of this country. The progress, too, of enlightenment among
the adults is most oheering. Mr. Tomilinoon
estimates that in South Caroinn there are at estimates that in South Carolina tharo aro at
least 25,000 colored men and women who an
read a newspaper with a fair understanding of
its contents, who two years its contents, who two years ago did not know
the alphabet. If is thus that, through the
instrumentality of the shoools, the blossings of education are being diffased throughout the
Whole mass of the colored popnation.
This work of Southern education, not oni of the blaoks, but of the whites as well, is
one of the most important and promising that
now engages the attention now engages the attention of the Amerioan
publio. It ought to command even more
attention than it receives. attention than it receives. Had the masses of
the Southern people been as well eduasted as
those of the North, or had they even bean those of the North, or had they even been
tolerably educated, the Rebellion would have
been an impossibility. But while the institution of slavery remained, any such thing as
a system of general popular education was
not to be thought of. The overthrow of that
institution has opened the door for the edaac-
tional as well as the political reconstruotion of
the South. The work should be prosented
with the South. The work should be prosenuted
with arigor and perseverance commensurate
with its importance.
Gen. Howard's Contemplated Removal. Gen. Howard's Contemplated Removal.
Tas rumor is again rife that General Howard,
the universally popular and efficient head of
te Freedmen's the Freedmen's Burean, is about to be removed.
We hardly think that General Grant will care
to signalize his administration of the to signalize his administration of the War De-
partment by such an anpopular act as that
would be. General Howard has devoted himself with the most untiring assiduity to the
duties of his position, and has discharged them in the most admirable manner. Under
his supervision the Bareau has daily become
more and more popular with the people of the outh, and has forwarded the great work
of education among the freedmen to an extent
which promises the happiest results. To remove such a man out of politioas lopitio- an
that will be the real ground if he phould
removed-would be a national disgrace. Reconstruction in Louisiana.
GgskRaL SuskDAs is moving promptly in
work of reconstruction in ordered the election for members of a Consti-
倍 tational Convention in that State to take
place on the 27th and 28th days of September.
The Co eight members. The people are also to vote
at the at the above-named eleotion whether they will
have a Convention or not. Doubtless the vote will be largely in the affirmative. Hence We thal soon behold the work of constrution-
making in full progress in Louisiana. If her
delegates shall adopt a constitution organizing delegates shall adopta constitution organizing
a reppoblican form of governent, we see no
rease reason why that State may not be admitted to
the Union during the next session of Congress. The Revenge of a Rejected Suitor.
If will be remembered that, some time since, the King of Abysinia made a tender of his
hand and heart to Victoria R., which offer was declined. Thereapon his Royal Highess
seized all the Engisish Consuls and offioers of
the the Nary who hagpened to bein his provinoe,
and expressed his determination to take off their heads in case the refusal of the Queon
shonld not be reconsidered. The issue of the
affair, however, is given in to-day's World:-





Prasosal Rkpinsswintios, - Now that the
Democracy finds itself in the minority, it has assumed the disinterested, and desires to see the syatem of representation of minorities adopted.
We aro to have the plan of Mill or Field, or
some other philiosopher for therebb the Demo oratio delegation in the lower House would be largely increased. This pherlinthripopy is, how-
ever, of recent date. It is not quite consistent with the apprit thant animated that party in the
days of J. Q. Adams, and which led them to deny even the right of petition to a powerless
minority. The sudden conversion of the onoe omnipotent majority into the opposition is the
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