

My dear Sir: What a wonderful thing the furnace-heat of oppression is to bring a man to see the light, is it not? I have your letter and have considered the matter of your book. It is a strange thing that a church should drop a minister because he rebukes murder and bullet-stealing! However, a church built on slavery as a corner-stone is not a whit better than a nation built on the same foundation.

But the strange and curious thing is that the churches and people of the North are as dead and dumb and silent on these matters as if the Apocalyptic curse were pronounced against all who should question the right of ~~the~~ Southern Democrats to do

~~submit~~ whatever they may see fit
~~to do~~. desire to do.

I wonder that the Populists do not see
their opportunity. If they would cut their
platform down to a few things, say

- 1 - Restriction of corporate power.
- 2 - Prevention of stock = gambling.
- 3 - Destruction of trusts.
- 4 - Security for every citizen's rights
of person ~~and~~ — free speech —
a free ballot and a true count.
- 5 - ~~General~~ ^{statutory} remedy against
the country for every man injured
by a mob on the representatives
of one lynched.

They would swell their
ranks to such an extent that
the Republicans would either have

to take the same ground on a higher elevation as the Whigs did in 1856.

About the book; I am afraid I cannot help you. It is a hard matter to do anything with, the trouble is that I am almost the only man left who has any ~~hope~~ hope of the Republican party doing anything in the premises, and I have more hope than money. I should hardly know where to turn with such a matter and am sure that nothing could be done until the whole manuscript could be laid before any party interested.

I am afraid the Republican party is going clean back on its record in the matter of Sumner.

rights, ^{and} the worst part of the matter
is that its leaders, those who con-
trol its action and destiny are in
favor of such a course. They
want to "get rid of the Nigger" and
like the old whigs think the only
way to do it, is to let the South
have their own way with him;

Of course, they would do nothing in
such a matter and the other sentiment
is not yet available for such
appeals. The West. Citizen will not
be published until September and
then will have to make its own
way, and could not engage
so long a work. Yours truly,
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