

We had hoped that this campaign would have been equarely conducted, that each party would make its arguments before the people fairly and boldly and that the campaign liar would be conspicuous by his absence. It would seem, however, that this is not to be, but slander and vituperation is to play a prominent part in the fight. We have heard of some complaints from republicans, but not having their confidence, do not know the merits of the case. We have heard of one despicable slander against a democrat and we know it to have been manufactured out of "the whole cloth." A worthy colored man is our informant; but we withhold his name because if we gave it he would be subjected to much unnecessary annoyance. The lie to which we have reference was started at the recent republican meeting at Chaptico, and asserted that Mr. J. P. Greenwell, who was Sheriff at the time, knew that Hance was to be lynched and did not set a guard to prevent it. Our colored friend stated that he heard republican leaders say that *this was not to be mentioned upon the stump, but should be talked around among themselves.* We are glad our informant did not charge the republican candidates with fathering the slander, and we trust that a spirit of fairness will make them repudiate and denounce it.