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We wonder if that capable, loyal man, Capt. Judson W. Lyons of Augusta, will interest himself in the approaching campaign. We hope he will and we trust the Republicans of Georgia will have the good sense to see that he does. A trained lawyer of years' experience, educated and refined—true-hearted and loyal to the core. It is hard to imagine his equal in this day of selfishness and small things. We can never forget his masterly and unanswerable brief in 1900 in behalf of Southern representation. It was written in reply to the N. Y. Daily, addressed to him directly. Upon its publication the press of the North admitted its force and demanded that the paper which had called it forth answer its points. The attempt was simply begging the question and dodging the issue.

For 12 years Mr. Lyons, National Committeeman for Georgia, represented the entire South and defeated by his skilful management the scheme of reduction of representation in every National Convention during that period.

We do not hesitate to say that he was the most useful man the South has ever had in that august body. But alas! in 1908 the party men lost their head and he was defeated; and now what is the result? Georgia will have only 16 votes in the next National Convention instead of 28, which is her just dues; South Carolina will have only 11 instead of 18. In all, the South will lose in this Conventional disfranchisement 75 votes.

As a manager of the affairs of the party, Col. Lyons was tactful, shrewd, conservative and successful. More colored men held positions than ever before in the history of the party. Better feeling prevailed in the ranks and better feeling also existed between the parties. If we had 100,000 votes we would gladly poll them all to call this Modern Cincinnatus back to party service. The party needs him; the State needs him and at this critical juncture in our history, the race needs him—not only here, but all over the country.—“Possibility.”