

For President,  
**KORATIO SEYMOUR,**  
OF NEW YORK.

For Vice President,  
**FRANK P. BLAIR,**  
OF MISSOURI.

FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS,  
S. F. CHADWICK, of Douglas County,  
JOHN BURNETT, of Benton County,  
JAS. H. SLATER, of Union County.

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM—1864.

The Democratic party in National Convention assembled, reposing its trust in the intelligence, patriotism, and discriminating justice of the people, standing upon the Constitution as the foundation and limitation of the powers of the Government, and the guarantee of the liberties of the citizen; and recognizing the questions of slavery and secession as having been settled for all time to come, by the war or the voluntary action of the Southern States in Constitutional Convention assembled, and never to be renewed or re-agitated, do with the return of peace demand:

- 1st. Immediate restoration of the States to their rights in the Union under the Constitution, and of civil government to the American people.
- 2d. Amnesty for all political offenses, regulation of the elective franchise in the States by their citizens.
- 3d. Payment of the public debt of the United States as rapidly as practicable; all money drawn from the people by taxation, except so much as is requisite for the necessities of the Government, economically administered, being honestly applied to such payment, and where the obligations of the Government do not expressly state upon their face, or the law under which they were issued does not provide that they shall be paid in coin, they ought, in right and justice, to be paid in the lawful money of the United States.
- 4th. Equal taxation of every species of property according to its real value, including Government bonds and other public securities.
- 5th. One currency for the government and the people, the laborer and the office holder, the pensioner and the soldier, the producer and the household.
- 6th. Economy in the administration of the government; the reduction of the standing army and navy; the abolition of the Freedmen's Bureau and all political instrumentalities designed to secure negro supremacy; simplification of the system, and the discontinuance of inquisitorial modes of assessing and collecting the Internal Revenue, so that the burdens of taxation may be equalized and lessened, the credit of the government and the currency made good; the repeal of all enactments for enrolling the state militia into national forces in time of peace; and a tariff for revenue upon foreign imports, and such equal taxation under the Internal Revenue laws as will afford incidental protection to domestic manufactures, and as will not impair the revenue, impose the least burden upon and best promote and encourage the great industrial interests of the country.
- 7th. Reform of abuses in the administration; the expulsion of the corrupt from office; the abrogation of useless offices, the restoration of official authority and independence to the Executive and Judiciary; the subordination of the military to the civil rule, to the end that the usurpation of Congress and the despotism of the sword may cease.
- 8th. Equal rights and protection for naturalized and native born citizens at home and abroad; the assertion of American nationality which shall command the due respect of foreign powers, and furnish an example and encouragement to people struggling for national integrity, constitutional liberty and individual rights; and the maintenance of the rights of naturalized citizens against the obsolete doctrine of immutable allegiance, and the claims of foreign powers to punish them for alleged crime committed beyond their jurisdiction.
- 9th. Demanding these measures and reforms we arraign the Radical party for its disregard of right and the unparalleled oppression and tyranny which have marked its career.
- 10th. After the most solemn and unanimous pledge of both Houses of Congress to prosecute the war exclusively for the maintenance of the Union and the preservation of the Constitution, it has repeatedly violated that most sacred pledge under which alone was rallied that noble volunteer army which carried our flag to victory. Instead of restoring the Union it has, so far as its power, dissolved it, and subjected ten States, in time of profound peace, to military despotism and negro supremacy. It has sullied the right of trial by jury; it has abolished the habeas corpus, that most sacred writ of liberty; it has overthrown the freedom of speech and the press; it has substituted a military censure, and arrests, and military trials, and secret star chamber inquiries for the constitutional tribunals; it has disregarded in time of peace the right of the people to be free from searches and seizures; it has entered the post and telegraph offices, and even the private rooms of individuals, and seized their private papers and letters without any specific charge or notice of affidavit, as required by the organic law; it has converted the American Capitol into a battle; it has established a system of spies and espionage to which no constitutional monarchy of Europe would dare resort; it has abolished the right of appeal on important constitutional questions to the supreme judicial tribunal and threatens to curtail or destroy its original jurisdiction which is irrevocably vested by the Constitution, while the learned Chief Justice has been subjected to the most atrocious calumnies, merely because he would not prostitute his high office to the support of the false and partisan charges preferred against the President. Its corruption and extravagance have exceeded anything known in history, and by its frauds and monopolies it has nearly doubled the burden of the debt created by the war.— It has stripped the President of his constitutional power of appointment, even of his own Cabinet. Under its repeated assaults the pillars of the Government are rocking on their base, and should it succeed in November next and inaugurate its President, we will meet as a subjected and conquered people, and the ruins of liberty and the scattered fragments of the Constitution.
- 11th. And we do declare and resolve that ever since the people of the United States threw off all submission to the British crown the privilege and trust of suffrage have belonged to the several States, and have been granted, regulated, and controlled, exclusively by the political power of each State respectively, and that any attempt by Congress, on any pretext whatever, to deprive any State of this right, or interfere with its exercise, is a flagrant usurpation of power which can find no warrant in the Constitution, and if sanctioned by the people will subvert our form of Government, and can only end in a single centralized and consolidated government in which the separate existence of the States will be entirely absorbed, and unqualified despotism be established in place of a Federal Union of equal States.
- 12th. And that we regard the Reconstruction Acts (so called) of Congress, as such, as usurpations and unconstitutional, revolutionary and void.
- 13th. That our soldiers and sailors who carried the flag of our country to victory against a most gallant and determined foe must ever be gratefully remembered, and all the guarantees given in their favor must be faithfully carried into execution.
- 14th. That the public lands should be distributed as widely as possible among the people, and should be disposed of either under the pre-emption of homestead lands, or sold in reasonable quantities, and to none but actual occupants, at the minimum price established by the Government. When grants of the public lands may be allowed, necessary for the encouragement of important public improvements, the proceeds of the sale of such lands, and not themselves should be so applied.
- 15th. That the President of the United States, Andrew Johnson in exercising the power of his high office in resisting the aggressions of Congress upon the constitutional rights of the States and the People, is entitled to the gratitude of the whole American people, and in behalf of the Democratic party, we tender him our thanks for his patriotic efforts in that regard.

Who is Stultified?  
The Radical papers of Oregon are quoting favorable remarks from the N. Y. World concerning Grant published in that paper three years since, and contend that the World now stultifies itself. Whether the language attributed to the World ever appeared in that paper we have no present means of knowing, but we do know that, but a very few months since, even Colfax himself had a very poor opinion of Grant, and is one of the authors "16 reasons why Grant should not be nominated for President." Below we give a few of the said "sixteen reasons," which document was distributed throughout the country under the Congressional frank of Schuyler Colfax. Read it, and deny its authenticity who dare, and then answer us the question, "who is stultified?"

1. He has all he deserves at the hands of the American people.
2. He could not deliver an inaugural address.
3. Because at this peculiar period in the history of our country we need an able and experienced statesman at the White House.
4. Because one hundred thousand graves and four million freedmen demand a Republican President and Vice President.
5. He is now and always has been a Democrat, and has never endorsed the Republican party.
6. Because he has proved a failure in every capacity outside of the military.
7. He claims to have no knowledge of politics or national affairs.
8. He has followed our drunken Democratic Johnson in all his rebellious rags against Congress and our party.
9. Because he has insulted the Republican party by endorsing the removal of the Secretary of War, and accepting the position himself.
10. We have one hundred better men for President.
11. Because all parties claim him as belonging to their party.
12. We have the power to elect a statesman, if we wish to.

Overdoes the Thing.  
Decent lying is sometimes barely tolerable in a political paper, but the Portland Advocate frequently overdoes the thing, decidedly. In its zeal for the National Union Republican party it often travels quite outside of the bounds of truth. Rev. "H. C. B." its late editor, makes the assertion through its columns that a hundred thousand Methodists participated in putting down the rebellion while not one Methodist was found arrayed on the outside. Everybody knows, as well as "H. C. B." knows that this assertion is not borne out by the facts. We think it was less than a year and a half since, that the columns of the Advocate, while under the editorial charge of H. C. B., contained a refutation to this assertion.— Dr. Pearne, writing from Tennessee, and speaking of the Southern Methodist preachers down there, said that they encouraged the rebellion in every possible way—even to shouldering the musket and going into the ranks of the Southern army. Does the Rev. "H. C. B." remember this? But hold on! Bro. "H. C. B." will say, "these Southern Methodists are not Methodists. Well, if they are not, all we have to say is, that the Methodist Quarterly Review commits a piracy when it takes all the Southern Methodists into the account in presenting statistics of the number of Methodists in the United States. This it does, and we think that it is doubtful whether ever the Advocate will gain say the proposition. Before it does it would do well to consult the files of the Review for 1864-5, and since. Can the Advocate refer to a single example of a Northern Methodist preacher shouldering his musket and marching forth to battle? We think not. It can point to numerous preachers who succeeded in getting into the service ornamented and decorated with shoulder straps—generally as Chaplains!—and it might, by a little effort, discover that many of these, like Rev. Col. Jaques, covered themselves with glory such as the ordinary Libertine would shrink from emulating, and the professional abortionist would tremble and shudder to contemplate. These are unpleasant facts to dwell upon, and they are stubborn facts. We deal with disagreeable facts when we deem it necessary; not being used to shirking responsibilities, we cannot do less than tell the whole truth when provoked to it, and the whole truth is just what the Methodists North would do well to screen from view as to the part they played in the late unfortunate rebellion.

THE EAST SIDE HUMBUG.—The manipulators of the east side railroad humbug have come to grief. They have run out of funds and as a consequence operations have come to a deadlock. The Albany Democrat, a paper whose fondest dreams would be realized in the completion of a road on the east side, has thrown up the sponge as to the prospects of the Woods-Clarke Company. It says:  
"As to the 'two roads' spoken of we have serious doubts whether one of the 'two roads' will be built very soon;—we mean the east side. We begin to believe we have been humbugged."

Time in its Flight  
Taking up the State Rights Democrat, and scanning the first page we are struck with amazement, as it were, upon reading, "Vol. III. No. 50."—Are we dreaming? Has it been three years since we assisted to start the Albany Democrat on the first half of its first volume? It must be so, yet it almost seems as if it were but yesterday that we waited with anxious impatience for the initial number of the State Rights Democrat. How we prize it, and how the Democracy of Linn county were nerved on to deeds of patriotic duty by it. Three years ago!—It seems a marvel! And what changes have been wrought in Linn county—in Oregon—in every State in the once United States since the Democrat entered the busy and chequered arena? Then, Linn county was under the domination of a party whose text was "loilly" and whose watchword was oppression; whose career was marked by violence and intolerance and whose leaders were imbeciles, fanatics and knaves. Now, the cause of right, justice, humanity, civilization and Liberty! it fostered, encouraged and sustained by a majority of THREE HUNDRED in the county. Then, "loilly" mobs were only restrained from wreaking summary vengeance upon Democrats by the cowardice inseparable from the make up of men prone to wrong-doing.— Now, all is peace, quietude and civility. Then, foulest aspersions, blackest denunciations and midnight plottings constituted the favorite pastime of the dominant party. Now, the dominant party devotes itself to suppressing evil and cultivating the arts of peace and an enlightened social intercourse with mankind. Then, a paper called the Albany Journal flourished in Linn county and was the organ of the barbarous sentiment of the times.— Now, it is no more, and is only remembered as the prouder in its day to the lowest and vilest prejudices that ever disgraced or lowered and degraded the standard of manhood among men.— Then, the subject of these thoughts, the Democrat, was sailing against adverse winds, its friends ready at any hour to hear of its exclusion from the mails or its unqualified suppression by order of some bigoted, semi-barbarian of a satrap in response to the clamor of its local enemies whose deeds were dark and shameful and would not bear the light shed upon them by an outspoken and honestly conducted journal. Now that paper's course seems onward and upward—its every "lineament" betokening vigor and a long, prosperous and healthy career. It has weathered the storm for three years; may it reach its three score and never falter in its adhesion to principle and its defense and maintenance of the rights of the people.

Pendleton on Seymour.  
Before departing for New York to attend the National Convention Hon. Washington McLean received the following letter from that purest of patriots and ablest of statesman, Geo. H. Pendleton:  
Cincinnati, Thursday, 25, 1863.  
My Dear Sir—You left my office this morning before I was aware of it. I seek you at home, but you are not here. I must say what I want by note.  
As soon as you get to New York see Governor Seymour. You know well my affection and admiration for him. You know well what was my feeling before and after I heard from him last fall. He is today the foremost man in our party in the United States. His ability, cultivation and experience put him at the head of our statesmen. He commands my entire confidence. I would rather trust him than myself with the delicate duties of the next four years. You know I am sincere.  
Make him feel this and that he can rely on me and my friends. I have a natural pride—an honest pride, I believe—in the good will of my countrymen; but you, better than any one else, know that it is neither egotistical, or overrating and that I am ready, anxious, to give up the nomination to anybody who can get one single vote more than myself.  
Express all this frankly to the Governor, but delicately, and let him understand my views of men and measures as I have frequently given them to you. Good bye. God bless you. Very truly,  
GEORGE H. PENDLETON.  
TO WASHINGTON MCLEAN.

INCIDENTS.—The Rev. Col. John M. Chivington, of Nebraska, has lately married the widow of his son, Thomas, deceased. The parents of the woman publish a card absolving themselves from any responsibility for the unenviable act. The man Chivington will be remembered as being his dead son's wife's husband; the husband of his wife's daughter-in-law; the grandfather of his step-children; his wife's own father-in-law; his own son-in-law; a scab on society, and a stick in the nostrils of the community. Keep your daughters in doors, bar your windows and bolt your doors, protect at all hazards the virtue of your families. The Rev. Bro. Col. Innocent-Squaw-Killer Chivington is abroad in the land.

EAST AND WEST SIDES.—There is a balance of agricultural lands of about two hundred thousand acres in favor of the west side of the Willamette river. There are six Weekly, and four Daily newspapers published on the west side, against four Weekly papers on the east side. There is vastly more wealth represented on the west side than on the east. The cost of building a railroad through the Valley on the west side will prove to be 40 per cent. less than the sum required to build a road of the same length on the east side, while the resources developed and to be developed are largely in excess on the west side, and the prospective earnings of a railroad show a decided balance in favor of a west side road.  
In consequence of the advent of locusts in Pennsylvania, the Reading Times advises the abolishment of chickens and eggs as articles of culinary supply.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.  
Republican Mob.  
New Orleans, August 3.—A negro named Robbins had been making Democratic speeches some time past. Several attempts had been made to take his life. To-day a large mob of negroes assembled around the building where he took refuge and great excitement was manifested. Governor Wadsworth made a speech to the crowd which finally induced them to disperse.  
Atlanta, August 2.—Last Friday an affray took place between the whites and negroes, in which one was seriously and another mortally wounded.  
Death of Miles O'Reilly.  
New York, August 3.—Charles L. Halpine (Niles O'Reilly) died to-day from an over dose of chloroform administered to relieve neuralgia on the brain.  
Kentucky Election—Ku Klux.  
Chicago, Aug. 4.—Returns of the Kentucky election yesterday are very meagre. Stephen (Dem.) has doubtless carried the State by a large majority.  
The Ku Klux Klan has appeared in Eastern Virginia. A number of Radicals at various points along the Potomac have been served with notices. Considerable uneasiness is felt.  
Brownlow Scared.  
Nashville, Aug. 4.—A bill has been introduced into the Senate for punishing persons who appear masked in any street or road. The bill provides a severe punishment for persons belonging to the Ku Klux Klan. It provides that members of these organizations shall hereafter be ineligible to office. Persons about to be inducted into office will be required to take an oath that they have never been identified with such an organization. The bill will probably pass.  
Tallahassee, Aug. 4.—The Legislature has passed a bill requiring all telegraph operators in the State to take the oath of secrecy, and making a fine and imprisonment for the divulgence of any message. Also a bill taking the election of delegates to the Electoral College from the people and placing it in the Legislature. The Legislature also passed a bill giving the colored people every privilege of the whites on all the railroads of the State. A similar bill, relating to hotels was introduced, and will probably pass.

THE Oregon City Enterprise, referring to the case of the distress and sale of Dow's property in this place, says:  
He was left penniless almost, by a Sheriff's sale of over \$100 worth of property which went at less than \$10, on a judgment for \$150—leaving one hundred and ten dollars yet to be collected out of property which the defendant may acquire hereafter—what a beautiful law!  
Under a late law of the legislature of Connecticut a home for inebriates has been established and incorporated. We advise all the editors the Unionist has had lately to migrate to "Old Connet"

THE National Union Republican party has a champion in the Christian Advocate of Portland. That paper says that the San Jose Patriot has renounced Democracy and hoisted Grant and Colfax. Will that paper condescend to tell its readers the truth about this San Jose Patriot? It knows what the truth is in the premises. It knows the said paper has always been a violent champion of the opposition of the Democratic party—that it "threw off on the Gorham ticket less than a year ago and that it has never pretended to be a Democratic paper. Come, now. The people have a right to expect that a religious paper will occasionally tell the truth. Tell your readers, if you wish them to be correctly informed, that the San Jose Patriot, like the N. Y. Tribune, wanted Chase nominated; and like that paper, would have supported him no matter by what party nominated. The Patriot is emphatically a man paper—principles are nothing with it. The Advocate has had opportunities to know this—does know it. Why did not the Advocate just mention the fact that the Santa Clara News, a republican paper published in the same county with the Patriot aforesaid, had hauled down the names of Grant and Colfax?  
It was the boast in some quarters during the war that a good chance was presented to kill off the "damn foreigners." From the conduct of commanders in many instances in putting foreigners forward where there was most danger it is fair to presume that there was a purpose in all this.— Mr. L. Westcott, of Salem, tells us that he had two brothers, a brother-in-law, and a nephew—all foreigners—slain in the said war, and that he has good reason to suppose that they had not been fairly dealt by. To be a foreigner is a crime in the eyes of Colfax who will not deny taking an oath never to vote or suffer to hold office, any foreigner or Catholic when it was in his power to prevent it.  
The bigger legislatures are enacting militia laws down South. The carpet-bag Governors are to have power to arm and equip as many regiments as they choose. This is for the purpose of intimidating voters. There will be an end of such farces, when fearful retribution may be visited upon the heads of the malefactors in those States.— God speed the day.

SEYMOUR AND BLAIR will get a vast majority of the late soldiers. Every indication points unerringly in the direction that the truly brave and noble of the Union soldiers regard republicanism as a curse to the country they fought to save, and a stench in the nostrils of all good people.

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