

THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

WHITE GOVERNMENT. Hold that this government was made on the WHITE BASIS, by WHITE MEN, for the benefit of WHITE MEN and their posterity forever.

THE "REPUBLICAN" PLATFORM.

NEGRO GOVERNMENT. Hereafter, the Republican party, from St. John to the Pacific, is a unit for Universal Liberty and IMPARTIAL SUFFRAGE, regardless of CASTE, RACE OR COLOR.

THE SPEECH OF GOV. WOODS.

According to previous announcement, Gov. Woods visited Albany on last Tuesday, and in the evening delivered a political speech in the Court House, ostensibly to the "Grant Club," but really to a promiscuous assemblage, one-third of whom, at least, were Democrats, who were attracted thither by curiosity and a desire to see the Governor and hear him declaim.

After sundry other preliminary remarks, the speaker attempted to show that the Democratic party inaugurated the War, and that therefore they are responsible for all the evil results of the War. He dwelt quite lengthily on this point, and we are sorry to say he employed the most shallow sophistry to prove it.

Abraham Lincoln. The final verdict upon the character and public services of Mr. Lincoln, will not, we apprehend, be very flattering. He was not one of those men who made circumstances, but was made by circumstances. He suffered himself to be moulded like clay in the hands of extreme Radicals.

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Democratic Meeting. A Democratic meeting was held at the Dalles on Thursday evening last. The Mountain-ers' John Williams, Esq., President of the Democratic Club, presided.

existence. Hence, unless it can be shown that mere territory is the "life of the nation," it is all baldheaded and downright demagogism to talk about the War as one for the life of the Nation.

The next subject we shall notice is Reconstruction. Gov. Woods endorsed and defended the present Reconstruction Policy of Congress, in the abstract and in the concrete.

Some times what a public man omits to say is as ominous as anything he can utter. Gov. Woods found time to discuss several dead issues at length; but he failed utterly to give us his views on the Banking System, the taxing of U. S. Bonds, the Tariff, or to propose a plan for the liquidation of the National Debt.

In closing this somewhat lengthy article we desire to say that we entertain for Gov. Woods, personally, none but the kindest of feelings. We are dealing with him, as a politician; and he must take the blows usual in such cases.

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PLANK ROADS. The Oregonian and Journal are urging the construction of Plank Roads in the Willamette Valley.

We advise the readers of the Democrat not to be unduly excited over Plank Roads. We need better roads than we have in the winter in Oregon; but for one we do not believe that Plank Roads will supply the demand in this respect.

Plank Roads had their origin in Canada. For a time they seemed to work so well there that several were soon after constructed in the United States; but most, if not all, have long ago been abandoned as worse than worthless.

Capitalists have not only incurred loss and failure in their mining investments by adopting a bad order of machinery, but also in many instances by not sending out, or employing them on the ground can readily see where the fault lies, while those who are at a distance, and perhaps desiring to invest if results are satisfactory, only attribute the failure to the inferior quality of the ore.

Thus it has resulted with other Plank Roads with which we are more or less conversant. They have all ultimately been abandoned and regarded as worse than useless; and we opine that what is true of the States and Canada will prove true in Oregon.

Que-Ah Valley. Mr. Huntington gives an interesting description of the region through which he passed east of the mountains. The finest portion of all seems to be the Que-ah valley, situated on the Des Chutes, where, for 30 miles in length and from 10 to 20 miles in width, lies a rich and valuable agricultural district.

BY TELEGRAPH. [COPYIED FROM THE OREGON HERALD.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The President's communication giving his reasons for the suspension of Secretary Stanton, is published to-day.

The President has nominated W. H. Gibbs for Governor of Idaho, Alex. K. Lowery for Register of the Land Office, at Marysville, and James F. Swain for Postmaster, at Benton.

Severe Reflection. The Rochester Democrat has an article on 'The President's Salary' which reflects severely on the late President Lincoln and his surviving partner.

With the exception of the light and fuel they are extra appropriations made necessary by the absence of the articles carried off by Mrs. Lincoln.

Just So.—The Christian Advocate says that doggeries exert more influence in controlling elections than good Christian people do.

Felix Quick was arrested in Alton, the other day, on a requisition from Governor Fletcher, of Missouri, charged with committing a murder four years ago.

Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE co-partnership heretofore existing between G. T. Vining and F. D. Wood is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, WARNING the public against buying or trading for either of four promissory notes made payable to J. Q. Thurston or bearer, for the sum of three hundred and seventy-five dollars each.

Sheriff's Sale. BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF EXECUTION issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the county of Linn, and to me directed and delivered by the Clerk of said Court, on the 15th day of November, A. D. 1867, in favor of Jacob Keen, Executor of the Estate of George Keen, deceased, plaintiff, and against Isaac B. Courtney, Mary J. Keen and Daniel C. Courtney, defendants, for the sum of \$941 and ninety-eight cents, I did on the 22nd day of November, A. D. 1867, levy upon the following described real estate to-wit:—

MARRIED: At the residence of Jas. K. Smith, Esquire, near Salem, Dec. 11th, by Rev. F. S. Knight, Mr. G. P. Terrell to Miss Emma Smith.

At the residence of the bride's father, on the 6th inst., by Rev. W. C. Whitson, Mr. M. Stasie and Miss A. B. Bates, both of Polk county.

At the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. J. W. Turner, Nov. 28th, Edward B. Wilcox to Mary F. Tipton, both of Multnomah county.

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