LAFAYETTE COURIER.

CLIPPINGS.

Never pay a bill unless you have the money.

How to put a horse on his mettle—shoe him.

Why is an andiron like a yard stick?—Because it has three feet.

The owl is remarkable for his gravity, and also for his stupidity.

Harvard says that "enquire" is right, and Yale says it's "inquire."

The ways of women—Anywhere from ninety to two hundred pounds.

"If you are courting a girl," says a California paper, "stick to her, no matter how large her father's feet are."

When our ancestors wanted a hot rum punch, they said so without evasion; they did not call it "kettled rum."

The captain remarks that steerage passengers ought to be very well behaved, they have so much deck o'er 'em.

Pittsburg is trying to find a man who does not belong to a lodge, club, grange, post, temple, encampment or order.

An Oswego woman advertises that she has purchased a shot-gun, and will shoot any man who gives her husband liquor.

How happily things turn out. It is now declared that Gladstone has long been very anxious to withdraw from public life.

There are over ten million women in America, and yet Thomas Hutton, of Georgia, hung himself on account of a girl fifteen years old.

A two-cent piece was taken from the throat of a boy in Portland, Maine, recently, after having been lodged there for six months.

John Reeves said to his boy, when shaving proved a difficulty, "John, I wish you would not open any more oysters with my razors."

Mrs. Green, a Kansas widow, wants to marry again, and, as a recommendation, she says she has used one broom for fourteen years.

Why is a lover popping the question like a tailor running a hot iron over a suit of clothes?—Because he is pressing a suit.

A paper giving an account of Toulouse, in France, says, "It is a large town, conta ning sixty thousand inhabitants built entirely of brick."

A French paper points out how the passion for gambling is shown in this country, so that even in wedding notices it is necessary to state that there were "no cards."

Mr. Morrowfat rather snappishly remarked to his wife, last Sunday, that a man can't always be thinking of his immortal soul. He must have time to eat his meals.

A malicious politician says the Grangers in Illinois turn out to dig the graves of deceased brothers, thus preventing extortion on the part of that "middleman," the sexton.

An Indiana editor mildly remarks: "If you can't bring us wood, remember us in your prayers. It is something to know, as we sit and shiver, that we are not forgotten if the stove is cold."

At the laying of the corner-stone of the new capitol of Iowa, no speeches were made, except a few remarks by a workman who got his finger pinched, and they were brief and to the point.

That was a practical woman who wrote to Evangelist Hammond, at St. Louis, asking prayers to lift the mortgage on her farm, that she and her little ones may not be thrown out of a home.

A pair at San Francisco chartered a tug and steamed outside the bar, with the romantic intention of having the wedding ceremony performed on the bounding billow. It is comforting to know that they were very sea-sick, and were obliged to return unmarried.

"Brother Beecher," said the venerable Dr. Bacon, laying his hand on the great preacher's shoulder, "Brother Beecher, I fear the devil whispered in your ear just now, that this was a very fine lecture." "O, no," replied Mr. Beecher, "he left that for you to do."

When is a house like a bird?—When it has wings.

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Convention: Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to submit the following Platform and Principles:

1. We declare our unfaltering devotion to the Constitution of the United States and to the Union of the States thereby established, and we affirm that the people of the several States have the sole and exclusive right of governing themselves as free, sovereign and independent States, subject only to the limitation of the Constitution, and that all powers not therein expressly granted to the National Government are reserved to the States respectively, and we deny the right of the Federal Government, through the treaty power, to permanently domicil Mongolians within any State without the consent of the Legislature thereof.

2. We affirm that the greatest danger with which we are now threatened, is the corruption and extravagance which exists in high official places, and we do declare as the cardinal principle of our future action, that retrenchment, economy and reform are imperatively demanded in all the governments of the people, Federal as well as State and Municipal, and we here proclaim ourselves the uncompromising foes of the salary grab law ring politicians and land monopolists, wherever they may be and wherever they may be found, whether they are in or out of office, and we appeal to honest men everywhere, without regard to past party affiliations, to join us in branding as they deserve these corrupt leeches on the body politic and assist us to purge official stations of their unwholesome and baneful presence.

3. The present Federal Administration, by its utter inability to comprehend the dignity or responsibilities of the duties with which it is charged, by its devotion to personal and partisan interests, by its weak and inconsistent management of the National finances, by its unwarrantable interference with the local self-government of the people—by its support of the corrupt governments which has imposed by its power upon several States of the Union, by its complicity with corrupt practices and scandals in various quarters, and by its appointment of notoriously incompetent men to high official positions, has justly brought upon itself the condemnation of the American people.

4. That the persistent interference by Federal officials in local elections, and the use of large sums of money to defeat the voice of the people through the ballot-box, deserves and receives our severest condemnation.

5. That corporations are the creations of law, their franchise and privileges are granted to subserve the public interests, and when these are used, not to subserve the object of their creation, but for purposes of oppression and extortion, we declare it to be the right and duty of the Legislature to control such corporations.

6. That we favor speedy return to specie payments, just and equal taxation for the support of Federal and State governments, and that we are opposed to all discrimination in the assessments of Federal revenue for the purposes of protection.

7. That the free navigation and improvement of the Columbia river, the construction of a breakwater at Port Orford, the improvement of the Coquille and Willamette rivers, and the construction of the Portland Dalles & Salt Lake Railroad, are improvements demanded by the commercial interests of this State, and that the Federal Government ought by all proper means to assist those measures; that we are in favor of the bill now before Congress, generally known as the Portland, Dalles & Salt Lake Railroad bill, and we also favor the early completion of the Oregon and California Railroad to the southern boundary of the State.

8. That we disapprove all measures in the interests of capitalists and monopolies against labor, believing that distinctions, if distinctions be made, should be in favor of the laboring class who constitute the mass of our citizens, the producers of the wealth and prosperity of our country. We therefore approve of the declared principles, and sympathize with the avowed object of the Patrons of Husbandry, and with those of all other orders having for their object retrenchment and reform in public affairs, and the social advancement of the people; that we are opposed to a monopoly in the publication and sale of books used in the common schools of this State, and we are in favor of amending the existing laws in relation to such, so as to take away from the publishers of the Pacific Coast series of readers and spellers the special privileges in relation thereto which they now enjoy.

10. That the act relating to the fees of sheriffs and clerks ought to be so amended either by making such offices salaried, or by reducing the fees now attached to the same, as shall make the compensation received by such officers a fair remuneration and nothing more for the services required of them. That the Constitution be so amended that all printing for the State, after the expiration of the term of the State Printer in office when such amendment is passed, shall be provided by letting the same to the lowest responsible bidder.

11. That the only legitimate object of government is the protection of its citizens in their lives, liberty and property, and the pursuit of happiness; that to accomplish this end direct means only should be resorted to; that the good resulting from a departure from this rule is temporary, the evil lasting. We are, therefore, opposed to the State engaging in the purchase, leasing or speculating in property of any kind, except only such as is necessary for conducting the ordinary functions of the Government.

12. That we favor the immediate construction of a good and serviceable wagon road along the south bank of the Columbia river from the mouth of Sandy river to the Dalles.

13. That the compensation of all officers should be only such as will be a just remuneration for their services.

14. That we are in favor of Congressional aid for the construction of the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad, and for continuing the Oregon Central Railroad from St. Joseph to Junction City.

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