

HORATIO SEYMOUR ON HANCOCK.

The following extract is from Horatio Seymour's great speech at Utica.

Gen. Hancock bows to the decrees of the Constitution. He accepts its teachings, he is imbued with its faith; its terms to him are sacred; his earnestness shines out in every line; and when he swears to support the Constitution in its letter and spirit we know he means to do so.

We are asked why we took a soldier for our standard bearer? To whom can we intrust it with more safety than to one who has had its deep and grand significance burnt into his very being by the fires of battle fields?

There is not a color upon its folds, there is not a stripe upon its emblazonry, there is not a star upon its azure ground, that has not been made sacred by him. The appeal which drew him and his fellow soldiers from their home to the battle field was to rally around the stars and stripes and to uphold the Union.

He has learned from it the grand purpose of the Constitution by teachings amid all the solemn lessons of war. By the inspirations of the battle field, by the sad and solemn aspect of the bloodstained earth and the dying groans of men when the struggle has ended.

With intellects quickened by all the dangers and excitement of the strife they see more clearly than other men the value of obedience to laws and the duty of sacrificing all things for their country's good.

It was in the same school under like influences that in the hour of victory Jackson curbed and restrained his fiery spirit and submitted to injustice and indignity because it was imposed upon him by a legal tribunal.

If called to the Presidency I should deem it my duty to resist, with all my power any attempt to impair or evade the full force and effect of the Constitution which in every article, section and amendment is the supreme law of the land.

He who has learned to obey rightful authority, has been taught the great lesson which fits him to exercise authority. He who reverences the laws of his country is the right man to administer them.

NATIONAL PLATFORM.



ADOPTED BY THE CINCINNATI CONVENTION.

The Democratic party of the United States in convention assembled, declare:

First—We pledge ourselves anew to the constitutional doctrines and traditions of the Democratic party as illustrated by the teaching and examples of a long line of Democratic statesmen and patriots, and embodied in the last national convention of the party.

Second—Opposition to centralization and that dangerous spirit of encroachment which tends to consolidate the powers of all the departments in one, and thus to create, whatever be the forms of government, a real despotism; no sumptuary laws; separation of church and State for the good of each; common schools to be fostered and protected.

Third—Home rule, honest money, the strict maintenance of public faith, consisting of gold, silver and paper convertible to coin on demand; the strict maintenance of the public faith, State and national, and a tariff for revenue only.

Fourth—the subordination of the military to the civil power, and a general and thorough reform of the civil service.

Fifth—Right to a free ballot as the right preservative of all rights, and must and shall be maintained in every part of the United States.

Sixth—The existing administration is representative of conspiracy only, and its claims of right to surround the ballot boxes with troops and deputy marshals, to intimidate and obstruct the elections, and by unprecedented use of the vote to maintain its corrupt and despotic power, insults the people, and imperils their institutions.

Seventh—The great fraud of 1876, by which, upon a false count of the electoral vote of two States, the candidate defeated at the polls, was declared to be President, and for the first time in American history, the will of the people was set aside under the threat of military violence, struck a deadly blow at our system of representative government.

Eighth—We execrate the course of this administration in making places for political criminals, and demand a reform by statute which shall make it forever impossible for a defeated candidate to bribe his way to the seat of a usurper by villainies upon the people.

Ninth—The resolution of Samuel J. Tilden not again to be a candidate for election, the exalted place to which he was elected by a majority of his countrymen, and from which he was excluded by the leaders of the Republican party, is received by the Democrats of the United States with sensibility, and they declare their confidence in his wisdom and patriotism and integrity, unshaken by the assault of the common enemy, and they further declare to him that he is followed into the retirement he has chosen for himself by the sympathy and respect of his fellow-citizens, who regard him as one who, by elevating the standard of public morality and adorning and purifying the public service, merits the lasting gratitude of his country and his party.

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Twelfth—Public money and public credit for public purposes solely, and public lands for actual settlers.

Thirteenth—The Democratic party is the friend of labor and the laboring man, and pledges itself to protect him alike against the corporations and the commune.

Fourteenth—We congratulate the country upon the honesty and drift of the Democratic Congress which has reduced the public expenditures to \$40,000,000 a year; upon the continuation of prosperity at home and the national honor abroad, and above all, upon the promise of such a change in the administration of this government as shall insure its genuine lasting reform in every department of the public service.

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