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PARTY PLATFORMS.

PLATFORM OF THE NATIONAL UNION CONVENTION.

The following are the resolutions adopted by the Convention which nominated McClellan and Pendleton at Chicago on the 31st of August, 1864, are as follows:

Resolved, That in the future, as in the past, we will adhere with unwavering fidelity to the Union, under the Constitution, of the only solid foundation of our strength, security and happiness as a people, and as the framework of the Government, equally conducive to the welfare and prosperity of all the States, both Northern and Southern.

Resolved, That this Convention does explicitly declare, as the sense of the American people, that after four years of failure to restore the Union by the experiment of war, during which, under the pretense of military necessity, or the war never higher than the Constitution itself has been disregarded in every part, and public liberty and private right alike trodden down, and the material prosperity of the country essentially impaired, and that justice, humanity, liberty and the public welfare demand that immediate efforts be made for the cessation of hostilities, with a view to the ultimate convention of all the States, or other peaceable means to that end, that at the earliest practicable moment peace may be restored on the basis of the Federal Union of the States.

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Resolved, That the resolutions were adopted with but four dissenting voices.

Resolved, That we are engaged, says the New York Post, in a war for the defence of the national life and territory, but those who regard the national platform as a find in it not a word against the enemy who has so wantonly attacked both. Our soldiers who have given up all their private interests to protect the flag and the national honor, will find here no words of good cheer, no promise of reinforcements in the field, no hope of success, but only—tacked on at the end—a few words of pity not unmingled with contempt as though the gallant defenders of the Union were a pack of fools and idiots. Our prisoners tortured, starved, abused in southern slaves pens by the ferocious malignity of the rebel leaders, will look in vain through this platform for a denunciation of those who entrap and kill them; they will find their sufferings used only as the spring for an electioneering trick. European governments, watching narrowly our political symbols for some expression of popular temper, will find in this one no sentiment, of patriotic pride, no regard for the national honor, no solicitude as to our standing among nations, nothing to denote that there yet lives in our country a spirit which would make the aggressions of foreign nations upon us dangerous to them.

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IN MEMORIAM.

Our loving Laura lies: Always a tender, pure, and true; She seldom saw and died.

From our Hundred Days' Boys. CAMP AT MONOCACY, SATURDAY, SEPT. 10, 1864. We still remain.

DEAR GLOBE.—Time rolls on and finds us, at the lapse of a short but eventful period, still ensconced in the peaceful vale of the Monocacy, having received no attention from the rebel host who for a month past, has been in the Shenandoah valley, night unto here, ever and anon contending with the gallant troops of Sheridan in order to plant their standard on the soil of Pennsylvania and repeat the marauding, murdering scenes that but recently there were witnessed, and the thoughts of which make the stoutest heart recoil with horror and indignation.

As the buzz of camp had subsided into a lull, and when all were sinking into the depth of slumber save the solitary camp vigils, the cry of "pickel firing" resounded in the air, and recalling the ears of the slumbers awoke them from their reveries, into a state of order to prepare to fall into a moment's notice. Gaus and "reconnoiterers" were placed at grasping distance, and all were ready for the electric order, "fall in." The picket firing which had occurred to the south of us, was not resumed, and no pickets were seen.

Amongst the number of those who have enlisted, old Huntingdon is well represented from our midst. The following are their names: Sergeant A. C. Snyder, Corporals Charles Campbell and George Keister, Privates Geo. H. Nash, Wm. Keister, Robt. Rahm, Henry and Bernott Willoughby, Wm. Westbrook. Many others, whose patriotism had not expired, and whose senses had not been blunted, were engaged—and almost constrained—to follow their comrades' example; but they were only almost constrained, not wholly.

Since the volunteering period has expired, and since the bounty committees have retired, the existing fever has totally abated, and the boys now await the result of the turn of the wheel of Misfortune in the hands of the Provost Marshal, or until their patriotism attains a brighter glow.

An Accident. In the afternoon of the 29th ultimo an accident occurred to a boy attached to the artillery company stationed at this place. A conical shaped shell had been picked up on the battle field by an infantryman, who extracted the brass cap therefrom, and handed the shell to the artilleryman, who in his foolish eagerness to extract the powder, inserted a spark of fire into the bomb, and to attain the height of foot hardness, held it in his right hand, when it instantly exploded, terribly shattering his hand, and leaving nothing but a blackened lump of mangled flesh and sinews. His arm was shortly afterwards amputated; and it is thought that this will be a fearful lesson to him through life, as it was an instructive one to those of his comrades who learned the circumstances of his mishap.

Artillery Practice. On the next day to the above event—Tuesday, the 30th—another circumstance occurred to break the usual routine of duty. While on battalion drill in the morning the Colonel received orders from Gen. Tyler, in person, to move us to the top of a neighboring hill. This order was immediately executed, and ere we had ascended to the height of our destination,

the Genl. and staff had reached the summit of the hill and was reconnoitering in a manner betokening the danger and consequences of some of the pieces of artillery, which were upon the field at the time, were placed in position, and our regiment advanced to its support. When we reached our position on each side of the battery the fact gleaned in a full and clearer light. We were not assembled to fight an enemy, but to witness the exact practice of the battery. They performed to the satisfaction of the General, and after making a few more manoeuvres, we returned to our quarters, glad to escape the fray "without the loss of a single man." This movement occurred as a reminder of the battle of the Monocacy, with the exception of the destructiveness, repulse, retreat, etc.

On Thursday evening while on dress parade an order was read making Col. Fisher full commandant at this post, and appointing Capt. Caldwell Provost Marshal, who immediately entered on the performance of his required duties. It is evident that the worth of our officers is acknowledged and appreciated by their superiors, and were our services a longer period future rewards would be in store for them.

Three "Aiders" Arrested. On Thursday night, inst., three women of suspicious character were arrested while traveling in a wagon towards Virginia's "sacred" soil and borne into camp. Upon examination it was discovered that they were daughters of the Southern chivalry who had gone northward to purchase—or borrow—goods and medicines for the use and benefit of the Southern rebels. Three chests which they had in their possession were opened and examined and found to be well packed with an assorted stock of the above commodities. One of the women was said to be a daughter of the late notorious General John Stuart. On Friday morning the audacious "sisters" were taken under guard before the authorities at Baltimore, who meted justice unto them.

Alarm in Camp. As the buzz of camp had subsided into a lull, and when all were sinking into the depth of slumber save the solitary camp vigils, the cry of "pickel firing" resounded in the air, and recalling the ears of the slumbers awoke them from their reveries, into a state of order to prepare to fall into a moment's notice. Gaus and "reconnoiterers" were placed at grasping distance, and all were ready for the electric order, "fall in." The picket firing which had occurred to the south of us, was not resumed, and no pickets were seen.

Preparing for Winter. In consequence of the number of chilly nights that we have experienced for some time past, the boys have commenced building log huts to insure warmth and dobar the cold. As it is altogether uncertain how long we will remain here, the construction of these substantial dwellings, not as general as it otherwise would be, and those who have taken time by the forelock are envied in their comfortable berths by those who are not so prudent nor industrious, and who are compelled to contend with the chilling element the best way possible.

Signs of the Times. Though we have found a very convenient and comfortable position at this post, and have conformed our habits to adapting it, yet of late more than at any previous time, we are becoming impressed with the belief that we will remain here but a short time, and the probabilities are we will leave to receive our discharge. This belief has been entertained by the frequent repetition of rumors to the effect that have floated to our ears, and from other circumstances which are made to indicate an early departure. One fact is that the uniforms for which a requisition was made, as I before informed you, have been refused us by the authorities, in consequence of which a ludicrous aspect of affairs is visible in numerous cases throughout the regiment. The foolish eagerness to extract the powder, inserted a spark of fire into the bomb, and to attain the height of foot hardness, held it in his right hand, when it instantly exploded, terribly shattering his hand, and leaving nothing but a blackened lump of mangled flesh and sinews. His arm was shortly afterwards amputated; and it is thought that this will be a fearful lesson to him through life, as it was an instructive one to those of his comrades who learned the circumstances of his mishap.

Promoted. The military worthiness of the sons of Old Huntingdon has been the boast of the eyes of the least as well as the most experienced. As an instance for this we can look to Corporal Charles Campbell, who has been promoted to the position of drum major of the regiment, having been considered fully able to act in such capacity. He intends remaining in the performance of the duties of his station until his transfer to the 19th P. V. Cavalry Regt.

More anon, JUNTO.

A Visit to the President.

Letter from Judge Mills of Wisconsin.

The Grant county (Wisconsin) Herald, contains a letter from John T. Mills, Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, giving an account of a recent interview with Mr. Lincoln, with a report of the remarks of the latter in regard to the consequences which would follow the adoption of the war policy urged by the friends of General McClellan. Judge Mills was accompanied by ex-Governor Randall, of this State, who introduced him to the President, whom he warmly thanks for his readiness to serve his friends from Wisconsin at the capital. They found the President at the Soldiers' Retreat, a "building not imposing in size, half hidden in foliage, the grounds tastefully laid out."

The Governor asked of a man in waiting if the President had arrived. "Yes," was the reply. We entered a neat, plainly furnished room. A marble table was in the center. Directly appeared from an adjoining apartment a tall, giant-looking figure, shoulders inclined forward, his gait astride, rapid and shuffling, and understanding with large slippers and Briarian arns, with a face radiant with intelligence and humor.

"The Governor addressed him: 'Mr. President, this is my friend and your friend, Judge Mills, from Wisconsin.' 'I am glad to see my friends from Wisconsin; they are the hearty friends of the Union.' 'I could not leave the city, Mr. President, without hearing words of cheer from your own lips. Upon you as the representative of the loyal people, depend, as we believe, the existence of our Government and the future of America.' This introduced political topics.

"Mr. President," said Governor Randall, "why can't you seek seclusion, and play hermit for a fortnight? It would reinvigorate you." "Aye," said the President, "two or three weeks would do me no good. I cannot fly from my thoughts—my so-called political friends follow me wherever I go. I don't think it is personal vanity or ambition, though I do not free from these infirmities, but I cannot but feel that the well-being of this great nation will be decided in November. There is no programme offered by any wing of the Democratic party that must result in the permanent destruction of the Union." "Mr. President," said General McClellan, "in favor of crushing out the rebellion by force. He will be the Chicago candidate."

"Sir," said the President, "the slightest knowledge of arithmetic will prove to any man that the rebel armies cannot be destroyed with Democratic strategy. It would sacrifice all the white men of the North to do it. There are now in the service of the United States near two hundred thousand able-bodied colored men, most of them under arms, defending and acquiring Union territory. The Democratic strategy demands that these forces be disbanded, and that the masters be reconciled by restoring them to slavery. The black men who now assist Union prisoners to escape, are to be converted into our enemies in the vain hope of gaining the good will of their masters. We shall have to fight two nations instead of one."

"You cannot conciliate the South if you grant to them ultimate secession, and the experience of the present war proves their success is inevitable if you fling the compulsory labor of millions of black men into their side of the scale. Will you give our enemies such military advantages as insure success, and then depend on conquering, flattery and concession to get them back into the Union. Abandon all lip talks now garbled by black men; take 200,000 men from our side and put them in the battlefield or campaign against us, and we would be compelled to abandon the war in three weeks."

"We have to hold territory in element and sickly places; where are the Democrats to put down this rebellion by fighting against both master and slave, long before the present policy was inaugurated."

"There have been men base enough to propose to me to return to slavery the black warriors of Fort Hudson and Olustee, and thus win the respect of the masters they fought. Should I do so I should deserve to be damned in time an eternity. Come what will, I will keep my faith with friend and foe. My enemies pretend I am now carrying on this war for the sole purpose of abolition. So long as I am President it shall be carried on for the sole purpose of restoring the Union. But no human power can subdue the rebellion without the use of emancipation policy, and every other policy calculated to weaken the moral and physical forces of the rebellion."

"Freedom has given us two hundred thousand men raised on Southern soil. It will give us more yet. Just so much it has subtracted from the enemy, and instead of attempting the South, there are now evidences of a fraternal feeling growing up between our men and the rank and file of the rebel soldiers. Let my enemies prove to the country that the destruction of slavery is not necessary to a restoration of the Union. I will abide the issue." "I saw that the President was not a mere jester, but a man of deep convictions, of abiding faith in justice, truth and providence. His voice was pleasant, his manner earnest and emphatic. As

he warmed with his theme his mind grew to the magnitude of his body. I felt I was in the presence of the great guiding intellect of the age, and that those huge Atlantean shoulders were fit to bear the weight of mightiest monarchies. His transparent honesty, republicanism, simplicity, his gushing sympathy for those who offered their lives for their country, his utter forgetfulness of self in his concern for its welfare, could not but inspire me with confidence that he was Heaven's instrument to conduct his people through this sea of blood to a Canaan of peace and freedom.

Who began the War. The men who are now urging that the Government should humble itself to the traitors in arms, and sue for peace on any terms which Jeff. Davis & Co. may dictate, are the same who administered the administration of Abraham Lincoln began the war. The traitors in the North or loyal States, who hate the men now representing the national authority, have poisoned the minds of a large mass of men in the free States, with the impression that the war is one of aggression, waged to exterminate a portion of the people of the United States, and to establish a bloody empire that the triumph of Northern fanaticism may prevail over the domestic insurrection States' rights of the people of the South. By the liberal use of such statements the leaders of the so-called Democratic party have managed to distract people who are left to their own common sense ideas, would be true to the Government and its cause—but in order to show who did inaugurate the war which has cost the Government so many valuable lives and wasted such incalculable treasure, we submit the following historical statement of facts:

December 30, 1860.—Capture of Fort Moultrie and Castle Pinckney by the South Carolina troops. January 8, 1861.—Capture of Fort Pickens by the Savannah troops. Jan. 8. The United States Arsenal at Mount Vernon, Ala., with 200,000 stand of arms seized by the Alabama troops. Jan. 4. Fort Morgan in Mobile Bay taken by Alabama troops. Jan. 9. The United States steamer Star of the West was fired into and driven to the ground by the troops of Morris Island when attempting to furnish Fort Sumpter with supplies. Jan. 9. Mississippi seceded; vote of the Convention, 85 and 36.

Jan. 20. Fort Jackson, Fort Philip and New Orleans, captured by the Louisiana troops. Jan. 11.—Alabama seceded; vote of Convention, 62 and 29. Jan. 11.—Florida seceded. Jan. 14.—Capture of Pensacola navy yard and Fort McRae by Alabama troops. Jan. 18.—Surrender of Baton Rouge arsenal to Louisiana troops. Jan. 19.—Georgia seceded; vote of Convention, 203 to 87. Jan. 23.—Louisiana seceded; vote of Convention, 113 to 19. New Orleans Mint and Custom House taken. Feb. 1. Texas seceded; vote of Convention, 160 to 7. Submitted to a vote of the people February 23, and took effect 2d of March.

Feb. 2.—Seizure of Little Rock arsenal by Arkansas troops. Feb. 4.—Surrender of the revenue cutter Isabella to the Alabama authorities. Feb. 5.—The Southern Congress met at Montgomery, Alabama. Feb. 8.—The provisional constitution adopted. Feb. 9.—Jeff. Davis and Alex. Stephens were elected President and Vice President of what they called the Southern Confederacy.

Feb. 17.—Twiggs transferred the United States property in Texas to the rebels. Feb. 18.—Jeff. Davis was inaugurated President of the Confederates. March 2.—The United States revenue cutter was seized by the rebels in Texas. These events all transpired under Buchanan's Administration. The Secretary of War, during that Administration, abetted the stealing of munitions of war then in possession of the Government, and allowed the removal of immense amounts of public property to localities where it would fall into the hands of the traitors. When John B. Floyd had accomplished his work, he retired from Mr. Buchanan's Cabinet. The Secretary of the Navy, during the Buchanan Administration, ordered every ship of war on distant cruises, with the deliberate understanding that such war vessels would be beyond the use of the authorities when the traitors precipitated rebellion. When Mr. Toucy had accomplished his share of the villainous work, he resigned the navy portfolio. All this infamous work was accomplished under Buchanan's Administration, and yet the wicked leaders of that party insist that the free masses of the North provoked the war. The same leaders now ask that the victorious freedom of the loyal States, who have so nobly defended the Union and the Government, should give up the fight, and on their knees sue for peace. This is the record, and we want the people to study it thoroughly.

THE BEST WAY TO GET ALONG IN THE WORLD.—Mind your own business, don't be inquisitive, and don't try to undermine other people.

As POINTED AS TRUTH.—Every principle once held sacred by the Democratic party is thrown overboard by that party for the sake of a craven, cowardly, pusillanimous peace with Jeff. Davis and his band of insensate and dictatorial slaveholders.

"Oft in the still night," as the fellow said when he took the hen off the roost.

The Union and Chicago Platform.

1. The Union Platform affirms the duty of maintaining the integrity of the Union under paramount authority of its Constitution and laws. The Chicago plodges "unwavering fidelity" to the Union, but is silent as to the duty abroad.

2. The Union Platform fronts the Rebellion as wrong—as wicked and unjustifiable—and demands its complete suppression. It does not propose to buy a peace, but to make one, by constraining the Rebels to submit to lawful authority and demand themselves hereafter like law-abiding citizens. The Chicago Platform now here condemns the Rebellion, even by implication, but rather condemns those who have driven to subdue it.

3. The Union Platform exhorts the Government to prosecute the war vigorously till the Rebellion shall be suppressed—no further. The Chicago Platform points significantly to the fact that the Rebellion has not yet been suppressed, deducing therefrom the conclusion that it was a mistake to attempt resisting Rebel force by force.

4. The Union Platform affirms that as slavery was the cause and now constitutes the strength of the Rebellion, it ought, in the interest of public tranquility and safety, to be abolished and prohibited. The Chicago Platform says nothing of the sort, but plainly implies and intends that slavery shall be preserved and perpetuated.

5. The Union Platform holds it right that black as well as white men should fight for the preservation of the Union, and be protected by the Government in so doing. The Chicago is silent on this point; but, since it wishes the war stopped anyhow, it of course doesn't want "niggers" to fight in it.

6. The Union Platform returns the thanks of the American people to the soldiers and sailors who have fought for their country, and promises ample provision for those who have been or may be disabled in her service. The Chicago Platform professes them sympathy and protection, but never intimates that they have been and are fighting in righteous and holy cause.

7. The Chicago Platform blames President Lincoln and his Cabinet for almost everything that has happened in resistance to the Rebellion, but blames the Rebels for nothing. Even our cruelties of the Rebel authorities, in causing our captured brethren to be exposed, for weary months, unsheltered, to the burning suns and scorching storms of Georgia, feeding them on twelve ounces of corn and two of putrid pork per day; is charged against our own Government, and not against that the rebels have done anything wrong in the premises.

In short, if Mr. Jeff. Davis had been platform maker of the Chicago Convention, he could not have treated himself more tenderly nor his enterprising more gingerly than they have been in the actual platform.

Inhumanity to Union Prisoners. WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Dr. Lester Floyd, a Northern man by birth, who has resided in Fairfax county, Va., near Vienna, for thirteen years past, and who was captured by the Rebels guerrillas at his home on three months ago, gives the following account of his experiences and observations.

While on the way to Gordonsville a young man in the guard of Mosby's men said to Dr. L.: "We had a fine time with some of the Yankees the other day. Twelve of us surprised seven cavalrymen, who dismounted and gave up their arms. We then all rode into them and finished up the lot, taking no prisoners. We understand that Sheridan hung some of our men in the Valley a short time ago, and we are determined to spare no more prisoners whom we take with arms in their hands."

After the explosion of the mine in front of Petersburg, a considerable number of Union soldiers were captured, and eighty of them were stripped of their United States uniforms and clothed in the rebel garb. At the first fight on the Weldon Railroad, these men were placed in the front ranks of rebels, and so disposed as effectually to deceive our troops, and by the advantage thus gained, two thousand of our men were captured.