

"Father Abraham"

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GRANT AND WILSON Presidential Electors. Joseph A. Bonham, John M. Thompson, W. D. Forten...

OUR PLATFORM.

The Republican party of the United States, assembled in National Convention at the city of Philadelphia, on the 15th day of June, 1872, again declares its faith, appeals to its history, and announces its position upon the questions before the country.

During our history of supremacy it has accepted with grand courage the solemn duties of the times, it suppressed a malignant rebellion, emancipated four millions of slaves, and secured to every citizen of all an established universal suffrage. Exhibiting unparalleled magnanimity, it graciously welcomed all who proved loyalty by obeying the laws and dealing justly with their neighbors.

What is offered us in exchange for this certainty? A political weathercock for President, and at his back the men who tried to destroy the nation, and falling in that are now attempting to grasp power under a mask so thin that all can see through it.

The question to be settled on Tuesday is simply this—Shall this nation be governed by its friends and defenders, or by its enemies and would-be assassins? We have no doubt of the answer, and leave the matter with our readers, only urging upon each and all the duty of voting right.

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It is to be hoped that, during the few days which yet remain before the election, our friends everywhere will be governed in their action by the enemy's view of the situation rather than their own. For ourselves, we thoroughly believe that the people, notwithstanding the quietude which prevails, are taking vigilant care of their interests, and that the verdict of the October States will be still more emphatically repeated on the fifth of November.

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"The Humanitarian Side."

It having been persistently asserted in Washington despatches that the President had, in view of certain reports of outrages committed by the Indians, determined upon a change in his policy of dealing with the red men, Mr. Geo. H. Stuart, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Indian Commissioners, addressed a note on the subject to the President, to which he received the following reply:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, Washington, Oct. 26, 1872. George H. Stuart, Esq.— My Dear Sir: Your favor of the 21st instant, saying that a change in the Indian policy of the administration is reported to be contemplated, is just received. Such a thing has not been thought of. If the present policy toward the Indians can be improved in any way, I will always be ready to receive suggestions on the subject. But if any change is made it must be on the side of the civilization and Christianization of the Indian.

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The South.

A paper of great influence in the German communities of the South-west, the Texas Freie Presse, deals very frankly with Mr. Senator Schurz. Somebody having argued, it would seem, that his compatriots should be proud of him, and therefore take Mr. Schurz as their political guide, the Freie Presse discourses as follows:

"Proud of Schurz? No, that we are not. In our eyes Schurz is a professional politician—nothing more. What has been his career? Does he know the school of trial through which most adopted citizens here have to pass? No. Living in comfortable circumstances, he could quietly sit down and study the laws of the land and the language of its inhabitants. Free from care for daily bread, he could labor for himself. He did so in Michigan, in Wisconsin, in Missouri. With cool sagacity he took advantage of all favorable circumstances.

The Tail.

The little tag at the tail of Horace Greeley's coat has perhaps received hardly sufficient attention during this campaign. Some of the Missouri papers, however, are at length beginning to speak with no uncertain voice concerning the results of the past two years.

Honest Organ!

This is the latest way in which the Tribune illustrates its conception of the duties and obligations of impartial journalism. Referring to the recent abstraction from the Court House of York county, in this State, of a number of vouchers and other documents, to prevent them from being used in evidence against certain county officials whom it was proposed to indict for malfeasance, that paper deliberately attempts to create the impression that the theft was the work of Republicans, and that the corrupt officials in whose interest the crime was committed were members of the same party; whereas the facts of the case are, that the local government of York county has for years been completely under the control of the Democracy; that the criminals whom it was sought to bring to justice were Democrats; and that the theft of the documents was made at the instigation of and perpetrated by members of that organization.

Vote for Congressmen.

Below we give the total official vote for Congressmen in the several districts in this State. The official majority in the State is 46,752, which is erroneously set down by some of the papers at 50,776. In the sixth and twenty-third districts there were two Democratic candidates, and taking the plurality in those districts would give the latter figures. The same method of counting applied to Governor, would make Hartman's majority in this county 4,710 instead of 4,476, which was really his actual majority of all the votes cast, 4,710 being his plurality:

Table with columns: District, Republican, Democratic, Total. Rows include District I through District XXIV and Total.

The Convention.

A singular mistake has occurred in the printing of the act to provide for the Constitutional Convention. In the General Laws, which are issued in advance of the Pamphlet Laws, the day named for the assembling of the convention is "the third Tuesday of November," but the original bill names "the second Tuesday of November."

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OUR CAMPAIGN NOTES.

All the crows have gone South. There was no market for their "meat" in this State. As the horse disease is spreading so rapidly, particular care should be taken of the ashine bipeds who edit Liberal Journals.

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A calculation made by the Harrisburg Patriot, the Central Democratic organ, shows that in forty counties of the State the vote fell off 32,000 from 1868. In the remaining forty counties it was increased over that of 1868. From this fact our contemporaries argue that Greeley can carry the State in November, that is, if the full Democratic vote can be secured for him. It forgets that it was Greeley that kept these Democrats from voting for Mr. Buckalew.

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