



**THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.**  
So many lies have been told by the Black Republicans about our platform, that we deem it proper to re-publish it in our paper. We hope our friends will preserve this paper, and when the opposition charge upon it principles it does not uphold, charge home upon them with the Platform itself and thus refute their slanders.

We copy the Platform from the official proceedings, and our friends may rely upon it as correct. It was adopted on the third day of the Convention, and the nomination of Mr. Buchanan was not made until the fifth. Every plank adopted by the Convention is in the Platform—not one is omitted—and when the Black Republican press, or orators, publish or read any other resolutions as belonging to the Platform, you may let all you are worth—they are lying.

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Adopted at the Cincinnati National Convention, June 4th, 1856.

**Resolved,** That the American Democracy place their trust in the intelligence, the patriotism, and the discriminating justice of the American people.  
**Resolved,** That we regard this as a distinctive feature of our political creed, which we are proud to maintain before the world, as the great moral element in a form of government springing from and held up by the popular will; and we contrast it with the creed and practice of Federalism, under whatever name or form, which seeks to pulsate the will of the constituents, and which conceives no impotence too monstrous for the popular credulity.

**Resolved,** therefore, That entertaining those views, the Democratic party of the Union, through their delegates assembled in a general Convention, coming together in a spirit of concord, of devotion to the doctrines and faith of a free representative government, and appealing to their fellow citizens for the rectitude of their intentions, renew and re-assert before the American people the declaration of principles approved by them when on former occasions, in general Convention, they have presented their candidate for popular suffrage.

1. That the Federal Government is one of limited power, derived solely from the Constitution; and the grants of power made therein ought to be strictly construed by all the departments and agents of the Government; and that it is inexpedient and dangerous to exercise doubtful constitutional powers.

2. That the Constitution does not confer upon the Federal Government the power to commence and carry on a general system of internal improvements.

3. That the Constitution does not confer authority upon the Federal Government, directly or indirectly, to assume the debts of the several States, contracted for local and internal improvements, or other State purposes, nor would such assumption be just or expedient.

4. That justice and sound policy forbid the Federal Government to foster one branch of industry to the detriment of any other, or to cherish the interest of one portion to the injury of another portion of our common country; that every citizen and every section of the country has a right to demand and insist upon an equality of rights and privileges, and to complete and ample protection of persons and property from domestic violence or foreign aggression.

5. That it is the duty of every branch of the Government to enforce and practice the most rigid economy in conducting our public affairs; and that no more revenue ought to be raised than is required to defray the necessary expenses of the Government, and for the gradual but certain extinction of the public debt.

6. That the proceeds of the public lands ought to be strictly applied to the national objects specified in the Constitution; and that we are opposed to any law for the distribution of such proceeds among the States, as alike inequitable in policy and repugnant to the Constitution.

7. That Congress has no power to charter a national bank; that we believe such an institution one of deadly hostility to the best interests of the country; dangerous to our republican institutions and the liberties of the people, and calculated to place the business of the country within the control of a concentrated money power, and above the laws and the will of the people; and that the results of Democratic legislation on this and all other financial measures upon which issues have been made between the two political parties of the country, have demonstrated to candid and practical men of all parties, their soundness, safety and utility in all business pursuits.

8. That the separation of the moneys of government from banking institutions, is indispensable for the safety of the funds of the government and the rights of the people.

9. That we are decidedly opposed to taking from the President the qualified veto power, by which he is enabled, under restrictions and responsibilities amply sufficient to guard the public interests, to suspend the passage of a bill whose merits cannot secure the approval of two-thirds of the Senate and House of Representatives, until the judgment of the people can be obtained thereon, and which has saved the American people from the corrupt and tyrannical domination of the Bank of the United States and from a corrupting system of general internal improvements.

10. That the liberal principles embodied by Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence, and sanctioned in the Constitution, which makes ours the land of liberty and the asylum of the oppressed of every nation, have ever been cardinal principles in the Democratic faith, and every attempt to abridge the privileges of becoming citizens and the owners of soil among us, ought to be resisted with the same spirit which swept the alien and sedition laws from our statute books.

**Resolved,** That the foundation of this Union of States having been laid in, and its prosperity, expansion and pre-eminence example in free government built upon entire freedom in matters of religious sentiment, and no respect of person in regard to rank or birth; no party can justly be deemed national, constitutional or in accordance with American principles, which bases its exclusive organization upon religious opinions or accidental birth-places. And hence a political crusade in the nineteenth

century and in the United States of America, as the Catholics and Foreign born, is neither justified by the past history or the future prospects of the country, nor in unison with the spirit of toleration and enlarged freedom which peculiarly distinguishes the American system of popular government.

**Resolved,** That we reiterate with renewed energy of purpose, the well considered declarations of former Conventions upon the sectional issue of Domestic slavery, and concerning the reserved rights of the States—

1. That Congress has no power under the Constitution, to interfere with or control the domestic institutions of the several States, and that such States are the sole and proper judges of everything appertaining to their own affairs not prohibited by the Constitution; that all efforts of the abolitionists or others, made to induce Congress to interfere with questions of slavery, or to take incipient steps in relation thereto, are calculated to lead to the most alarming and dangerous consequences; and that all such efforts have an inevitable tendency to diminish the happiness of the people, and endanger the stability and permanency of the Union, and ought not to be countenanced by any friends of our political institutions.

2. That the foregoing proposition covers, and was intended to embrace the whole subject of slavery agitation in Congress; and therefore, the Democratic party of the Union, standing on this national platform, will abide by and adhere to a faithful execution of the acts known as the Compromise Measures, settled by the Congress of 1850; "the act for reclaiming fugitives from service or labor," included: which act being designed to carry out an express provision of the Constitution, cannot, with fidelity thereto, be repealed, or so changed as to destroy or impair its efficiency.

3. That the Democratic party will resist all attempts at renewing, in Congress or out of it, the agitation of the slavery question, under whatever shape or color the attempt may be made.

4. That the Democratic party will faithfully abide by and uphold the principles laid down in the Kentucky and Virginia resolutions of 1798, and in the report of Mr. Madison to the Virginia Legislature, in 1799, that it adopts those principles as constituting one of the main foundations of its political creed, and is resolved to carry them out in their obvious meaning and import.

And that we may more distinctly meet the issue on which a sectional party, subsisting exclusively on slavery agitation, now relies to test the fidelity of the people, North and South, to the Constitution and the Union:

1. **Resolved,** That claiming fellowship with, and desiring the co-operation of all who regard the preservation of the Union under the Constitution as the paramount issue—and repudiating all sectional parties and platforms concerning domestic slavery, which seeks to enslave the States and Territories and whose avowed purposes, if consummated, must end in civil war and dishonor—the American Democracy recognize and adopt the principles contained in the organic law establishing the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska as embodying the only sound and safe solution of the "slavery question," upon which the great national idea of the people of this country can repose in its determined conservatism of the Union—NON-INTERFERENCE BY CONGRESS WITH SLAVERY IN STATE AND TERRITORY, OR IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

2. That this was the basis of the compromise of 1850.—Confirmed by both the Democratic and Whig parties in National Convention—ratified by the people in the election of 1852, and rightly applied to the organization of Territories in 1854.

3. That by the uniform application of this Democratic principle to the organization of Territories, and to the admission of new States with or without domestic slavery as they elect—the equal right of all the States will be preserved intact—the original compact of the Constitution maintained inviolate, and the perpetuity and expansion of this Union insured to its utmost capacity of embracing, in peace and harmony, every future American State that may be constituted or annexed, with a republican form of government.

**Resolved,** That we recognize the right of the people of all the Territories, including Kansas and Nebraska, acting through the legally and fairly expressed will of a majority of their inhabitants, justifies it, to form a Constitution, with or without domestic slavery, and be admitted into the Union upon terms of perfect equality with the other States.

**Resolved,** finally, That in view of the condition of popular institutions in the Old World, (and the dangerous tendencies of sectional agitation, combined with the attempt to enforce civil and religious disabilities against the rights of acquiring and enjoying citizenship in our own land,) a high and sacred duty is devolved with increased responsibility upon the Democratic party of this country, as the party of the Union, to uphold and maintain the right of every State, and hereby the Union of the States; and to sustain and advance among us constitutional liberty, by continuing to resist all monopolies and exclusive legislation for the benefit of the few, at the expense of the many, and by a vigilant and constant adherence to those principles and compromises of the constitution which are broad enough and strong enough to embrace and uphold the Union as it was, the Union as it is, and the Union as it shall be, in the full expansion of the energies and capacities of this great and progressive people.

1. **Resolved,** That there are questions connected with the foreign policy of this country which are inferior to no domestic question whatever. This time has come for the people of the United States to declare themselves in favor of free seas and progressive free trade throughout the world, and by solemn manifestations to place their moral influence at the side of their successful example.

2. **Resolved,** That our geographical and political position with reference to other States of this continent, no less than the interest of our commerce and the development of our growing power requires that we should hold as sacred the principles involved in the Monroe doctrine; and their bearing and import admit of no misconstruction—they should be applied with unshelving rigidity.

3. **Resolved,** That the great highway which nature, as well as the assent of the States most immediately interested in the maintenance, has marked out for a free communication between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, constitutes one of the most important achievements realized by the spirit of modern times, and the unconquerable energy of our people. That result should be secured by a timely and efficient exertion of the control which we have the right to claim over it, and no power on earth should be suffered to impede or clog its progress by any interference with the relations it may suit our policy to establish between our government and the governments of States within whose dominions it lies. We can, under no circumstances, surrender our pre-eminence in the adjustment of all questions arising out of it.

4. **Resolved,** That in view of so commanding an interest the people of the United States cannot but sympathize with the efforts which are being made by the people of Central America to re-organize that portion of the Continent which covers the passage across the Inter-Oceanic Isthmus.

**Resolved,** That the Democratic party will expect of the next Administration that every proper effort be made to insure our ascendancy in the Gulf of Mexico, and to maintain a permanent protection to the great outlets through which are emptied into its waters the products raised out of the soil, and the commodities created by the industry of the people of our Western valleys, and of the Union at large.

**Resolved,** That we reiterate with renewed energy of purpose, the well considered declarations of former Conventions upon the sectional issue of Domestic slavery, and concerning the reserved rights of the States—

**Public Sale.**

THE subscriber will offer his FARM at public sale, on **Friday, the 31st day of October next,** on the premises, situate in Hamilton township, Adams county, Pa., five miles west of Gettysburg, and three miles from Fairfield, adjoining lands of John Knox, John Biecker, and others, containing **54 Acres,** with good improvements, consisting of a Two-story LOG HOUSE, Log Barn, with shed, Hog-house, Corn-crib, etc., Spring-house, with a never-failing spring of water—also a well at the dwelling. There are about ten acres of good meadow. Also, about twelve acres of timber, consisting of Chesnut, Locust, Oak and Hickory. There is a good Orchard of choice fruit of all kinds. This property is in a rich and healthy neighborhood. There is line-stone within one mile—and other inducements seldom to be found. There is other land adjoining the above property, timber and clear, which could be bought low if the purchaser should want more.

Sale to commence at 1 o'clock, P. M., of said day, when terms will be made known and attendance given by

**D. W. YOUNG.**  
Oct. 6, 1856. 3t

**Private Sale of a Small Farm.**

THE subscriber offers at private sale, a TRACT OF LAND, situate in Straban township, Adams county, about 2 miles from Gettysburg, on the east side of the State Road to Harrisburg, adjoining lands of the subscriber, Wm. Wible, Henry Munfort, and others, containing **45 Acres,** more or less, about 7 acres of which are woodland, and 10 acres first-rate meadow. The improvements are a one and a half story BRICK HOUSE, a good Barn, a never-failing well of water, with a pump in it, and an Orchard of choice fruit.

Persons wishing to view the property, are requested to call on the subscriber, residing in Gettysburg.

The property will be sold in one tract, or in lots, to suit purchasers.

**GEORGE WALTER, Sr.**  
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**News for the People.**

**FARNESTOCK BROTHERS** have just received and are now opening a large and varied assortment of Dry Goods, Queensware, Hardware, &c., to which they invite the attention of those wishing cheap Goods. As our stock has been selected with great care, from the largest wholesale houses of New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, we are prepared to offer inducements to purchase from us, such as cannot often be had. Come and examine our stock, and we know you will not leave without buying.

**Sign of the Red Front.**  
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**DAVID SCHRIEVER.**  
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**Public Sale.**

THE subscriber, Administrator of the estate of JOHN LITTLE, deceased, will sell at Public Sale, at the late residence of said deceased, in Mountjoy township, Adams county, about a quarter of a mile west of the Two Taverns, on the road leading to Horner's Mill, on **Tuesday, the 21st day of October next,** the following Personal Property, viz:

**2 Cows, 3 Fat Hogs,** 15 bushels of Wheat, a large lot of Corn, (old and new,) 2 tons of Hay, Ploughs and Harrows, Cultivators, Wing mowing Mill, Grindstone, Wheelbarrow, &c. Also, Household and Kitchen Furniture, such as Beds and Bedsteads, Tables, Chairs, Clock, Stove, Chests, and a variety of other articles too numerous to mention. The whole will positively be sold.

Also, at the same time and place, will be offered, the Real Estate of said decedent, consisting of a Lot of Ground, situate as above stated, containing **7 Acres,** more or less, having thereon a good Dwelling House, Barn, Shop, with a never-failing well of water at the door, and a spring on another part of the lot.

Also, a Tract of Woodland, containing **11 Acres,** more or less, situate about a mile from the above, in the same township.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., on said day, when attendance will be given, and terms made known by

**SAMUEL LITTLE, Admr.**  
Sept. 29, 1856. 4t

**A Desirable Property, AT PUBLIC SALE.**

**WILL** be offered at Public Sale, on the premises, on **Saturday, the 25th day of October next,** that desirable property, situated partly in Butler and partly in Cumberland townships, on the road leading from Gettysburg to Bendersville, where the road to Kott's mill branches off, being a Tract of Land, containing **12 Acres and 21 Perches,** adjoining lands of John Hamilton, David Kecker and others, having thereon a large two-story Dwelling HOUSE; a large two-story Shop, which could readily be converted into a Dwelling; a Frame Barn, a well of water at the door, and a thriving Young Orchard.

Persons wishing to view the premises are requested to call on Col. Harman, residing thereon, or on the undersigned, residing in the vicinity.

Sale to commence at 12 o'clock, M., on said day, when attendance will be given and terms made known by

**SAMUEL EICHLITZ,**  
Agent for Wm. G. Rice.  
Sept. 29, 1856. 4t

**NEW WHOLESALE Drug Store.**

**N. SPENCER THOMAS,** No. 26 South Second street, Philadelphia, Importer, Manufacturer and Dealer in Drugs and Medicines, Chemicals, Acids, Dye Stuffs, Paints, Oils, Colors, White Lead, French and American White Zinc, Window Glass, Glass-ware, Yarns, Brushes, Instruments, Ground Spices, Whole Spices, and all other articles usually kept by Druggists, including Bonas, Indigo, Glue, Shellac, Potash, &c. &c. All orders by mail or otherwise promptly attended to. Country Merchants are invited to call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere. Goods sent to any of the wharves or railroad stations. Prices low and goods warranted. **March 17, 1856.**

**Hardware.**

OUR stock of Hardware has been very much increased, and persons building or requiring anything in this department, should first call and see **FARNESTOCK'S** Cheap Stock.

**New Millinery.**

**MISS LOUISA KATE LITTLE** wishes to inform the Ladies of town and country, that she is now prepared to execute Millinery in all its branches, in West Middle street, a few doors below Mr. George Little's store. Work done cheaper than elsewhere in town. Please call and see.

**April 21, 1856.**

**Administrator's Notice.**

**JACOB SERGABLE'S** Estate.—Letters of administration on the estate of Jacob S. gable, late of Liberty township, Adams county, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, residing in the same township. I hereby give notice to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them properly authenticated for settlement.

**ABRAHAM KRISSE of A., Admr.**  
Sept. 29, 1856. 6t