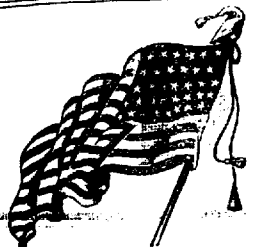


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PEOPLE'S UNION STATE TICKET

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THE PEOPLE'S PLATFORM

THE UNION—THE CONSTITUTION—AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW

ADOPTED BY A CONVENTION OF UNION MEN IN CONGRESS, AND PASSED BY THE SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA IN CONVENTION, JULY 17, 1862.

That we hold to be the duty of all loyal men to stand by the Union, in this hour of its trial; to unite their hearts and hands in earnest, patriotic efforts for its maintenance against those who are its enemies; to sustain with determined resolution our patriotic President and his administration in their energetic efforts for the preservation of the Union and the preservation of the Constitution; to punish traitors and traitors with fitting severity; and to crush the present wicked and senseless rebellion, so that no flag of truce shall ever again be raised over any portion of the Republic; and to this end we invite the co-operation of all men who love their country, in the endeavor to rekindle in all the States such a patriotic fire, as shall utterly consume all who strike at the Union of our fathers, and all who sympathize with their treason or palliate their guilt.

HARRISBURG, PA. Monday Morning, July 21, 1862.

A POWERFUL SPEECH

We print this morning the speech of John W. Forney, delivered in the Union Convention of the 17th inst. The room thus occupied is most appropriately devoted, and we know that our readers will thank us in this early laying before them this most eloquent and unanswerable speech. Col. Forney discusses the issues of the war in a style at once candid and conclusive, leaving no room for captious objection or dogmatic difference, unless it is by those who are determined to differ and object to all that is honest, honorable and loyal. We bespeak for this speech a wide circulation and most extensive perusal.

THE SITUATION IN PENNSYLVANIA.

The ardor of the people and the energies of the authorities are fully awake to the great emergencies of the crisis, and we now have the amplest authority to assert that the quota of troops called for from this Commonwealth will be furnished in the shortest possible time. From all parts of the State the assurance is unmistakable, in relation to the awakened enthusiasm of the people, so that all that is now needed is the immediate action of the Governor, and a conclusion on his part to answer a great responsibility, to render the enlistment of troops for now, and to fill up old regiments, immediate, prompt and successful.

We must offer a liberal bounty to every soldier, whether enlisting in an old or a new regiment; a bounty not to consist of less than fifty dollars, or more, as the Legislature, in its wisdom and liberality may see fit to authorize. Governor Curtin must take the responsibility of paying this bounty at once, trusting to the Legislature to sustain his action, of which there can be no doubt now that such will be the case. Notwithstanding the Constitution forbids the Governor to use any money not expressly appropriated for the purpose used, in this instance the necessity justifies the innovation. The Legislature will be speedily convened in an extra session, so that there need be no fear that that body will refuse its sanction to such action on the part of the Governor.

To delay this matter now, may be to defer some of the greatest and most important plans of the federal government. The mere paying of a bounty to troops enlisted before the meeting of this extra session of the Legislature would amount to a very large sum of money, and when such an extra session is once organized, an appropriation could at once be made covering the sum fixed for the entire amount to be expended in bounties. The sentiment of the people is in favor of such a course on the part of the state government, and we trust that Gov. Curtin will not hesitate a moment in at once offering this bounty, in anticipation, as it were, of the action of the Legislature.

CAMPS OF INSTRUCTION.

In connection with the camp at this point, it has been decided to establish camps in various other localities throughout the state, for the purpose of encouraging enlistments and facilitating the military organization about to be initiated. These camps will be located at various points hereafter to be designated in Luzerne, Montgomery, Allegheny, Lancaster, Tioga, or Bradford, Washington and Franklin counties. The idea is thus scattering a number of camps to secure for the recruits immediate and comfortable accommodation, and the discipline necessary for his effective service in the field. These camps will also stimulate local pride, and arouse action which might not otherwise be developed to its full extent and power.

The camp in Franklin county will be on the Maryland line, and will form a sort of intermediate quarters for all the troops from the state, en route for such camps of the federal armies, as may be indicated by the future orders of the War Department.

The Republicans of Snyder county have nominated Col. John J. Patterson, of Union county, as a candidate for Congress, and H. K. Ritter for Assembly, both subject to the conferees respectively, who are to fix the candidates for the Congressional and Legislative districts to which Snyder county is attached.

SPEECH OF COL. JOHN W. FORNEY

Delivered in the Union Convention, Assembled at Harrisburg on the 17th of July, in support of the Resolutions adopted on that occasion.

The resolutions, Mr. President, which have just been read, comprise, in brief terms, the duty of the loyal men of Pennsylvania, and they will go to the country as an utterance that must produce healthful consequences. There are elements in this assembly which have never been combined on any former period of our country's issue. We have here representatives of the Republican party, the People's party, the American party, and of the loyal men of the Democratic party. I notice that at least twenty counties of the State have sent Democratic delegates to this Convention. The heavy gloom which seems again to have settled upon our unhappy country, has had the effect of extinguishing many dissensions. Men who have differed radically in former years now stand together like brothers. But one motive animates this splendid assemblage—that of devotion to country and determination to maintain the Union. There is no spectacle, says a great poet, more inspiring than a brave man struggling with danger, and can there be any spectacle more inspiring than a great people struggling with their enemies? This field, slavery, which is the beginning of all our troubles, in tearing itself from the Republic, seems determined to test the vitality of the Republic. Mr. President, this is not merely a struggle for our existence as a free people, but it is a struggle between liberty and slavery. All other issues have subsided before this issue. Slavery in beginning the war, to perpetuate itself, has laid a strong hand upon our free institutions, and is resolved, falling itself, to bury them in one common ruin. These only deny it who themselves pray for the success of the rebellion, and those only believe what I believe, who earnestly pray for the triumph of the Union army. And it is a fact well calculated to agonize the soul, that bitter and dreadful as have been the general suffering in this extraordinary strife, notwithstanding thousands of homes are covered with mourning; although torrents of tears are shed over the freshly heaped graves of those who have fallen in defense of our flag, yet all these terrible lessons produce no impression upon many who live among our armies. These men see their country bleeding at every pore, and have no hope or comfort to give to her. While we, forgetting all old antagonisms and parties, while we throw off the cloaks of former organizations and reveal ourselves only in the garb of patriots, they clothe themselves with all the hatred, and rancor and uncharitableness for which they have been so distinguished before, and prepare to strike at the country, if not in the name at least, in the name of the candidate for the presidency who managed the hosts of the Palmetto's age. He entered the Presidential chair more than five years ago, with as fair an opportunity to serve and save this country as ever had been presented to man. He was elected upon a distinct and voluntary pledge that he would give to the people of the unhappy territory of Kansas the right to decide upon their own affairs in their own way. Had he done this, the soul of the rebellion in the Southern States is not more Jefferson Davis than the animating soul of the rebellion in the free States is James Buchanan. He seems to desire the immortal infamy of dragging our glorious Union into the dishonored grave he is himself soon to fill. Around his own home, as proved by the convention which assembled in his own county a few weeks ago, and by that which has been held at this point on the 4th of July, his former colleagues, doubtless under his lead and counsel, looked at the perils of the nation and delight in nothing so much as to embarrass and retard the operations of the constituted authorities. Is it possible that this man and his parasites can rally any portion of the people of Pennsylvania to their standard? Monument themselves of the mercy of the government, permitted to live in comfort under the flag they toiled to defend and to dishonor; shall these men be permitted to go on in their work of treason? They proclaim that this war is an abolition war—a war for the emancipation of the slaves—a war for negro equality—a war in which the white man is to be driven out of the field of labor by the colored race. This is the staple of their creed. This is the burden of their cry. Will James Buchanan, or any one of his creatures, here or elsewhere, inform me whether it was the abolitionists that formed the Leocompton constitution, and forced it upon the people of Kansas? Whether it was the abolitionists that fabricated the English bill, a measure more infamous? Was it the abolitionists that presented and procured Walker and Douglass and Broderick? Did they murder Broderick? Did they retain in the Buchanan Cabinet the incarnate traitors who robbed the Federal Treasury, decimated the army, sent our navy to distant seas, sacked our arsenals, sent to southern ports incalculable supplies of the munitions of war? Was it the abolitionists, in a word, that prepared the way for the culmination of war, leaving to Mr. Lincoln a bankrupt and enfeebled government, compelling him to reach the capital of the nation at most fugitive and surrounding his inauguration with all the ceremonies of a coronation, and preparations for internal strife? But, sir, apart from the duty of exposing these impudent and remorseless foes, there are other duties which must be discharged, and to which the great organization born to-day, must dedicate itself with stern and self-sacrificing patriotism. [Applause.]

The adjournment of Congress leaves to Mr. Lincoln those high responsibilities which he has proven himself so able to bear. He will find himself strengthened for still stronger measures by ample legislation. He can now throw himself upon the people and prosecute the war with renewed vigor. As your organs do so well express it, it is fortunate that we have at the helm of public affairs one so prudent, so upright, temperate and firm. Great are his trials, and great his labors. It has of ten been said that the duties of the Presidency were too much in times of peace for any one man; several of our Chief Magistrates have fallen under the weight of these duties. But what must his condition be who in the midst of this remorseless rebellion, must give all his time and all his judgment to the solution of momentous and novel complications. He cannot better his mind, he cannot see,

a blow strike down every great wrong, it is possible that he may have been mistaken in the supposition that the slaveholding treason might be indulgently and magnanimously treated, and that the best way to convince the rebels was to exhibit to them a willingness on the part of the Government to consider the matter of amnesty on condition of prompt submission. But now, that experience has shown that no moderation can reach the authors of this great crime, the President will undoubtedly profit by the lesson. And I am sure that the voice that goes up from this Convention to-day will invigorate and inspire him in the vigorous policy which is about to be inaugurated; a policy which I feel sure will be as stringent and as determined as the most exacting and enthusiastic of us could desire. Backed by the people, and empowered by law, there will hereafter be no hesitation in the employment of all means to put down the rebellion. No more doubts as to the confiscation of the property of rebels, no more protection of their houses, and crops, and goods, and chattels. Practical measures will forever dispense the miserable cry about negro equality and negro emancipation. Wonderful is the advance that has been made in public sentiment on these questions. Some of the most distinguished Democrats of the age now take ground in favor of the employment of measures of imperative wisdom and necessity. The partisans, who roam about the land claiming ignorant people with pictures of a black exodus from the slave States, who look for strife in the great cities as a consequence of the competition of whites and blacks in various fields of labor, and who are now crying out against the people, and read their own doom and that of their own falsehoods in the returning peace, are now in the National Legislature on this important issue. Whether they see it or not, whether they realize this or not, the people realize it. The object of this war is not abolition, but vindication—not abolition of slavery—but vindication of the offended majesty of the laws. To this end we send our white men into the field to fight in our armor; to save them from the privations of the long, weary march, to relieve them from the heavy service that wears and wastes them in the trenches and on our fortifications, it is proposed to invoke the aid of the thousands of colored men who are set free by the abolitionists, but who by the slaveholders themselves. When this race is fully aroused they may render such a service, and be rewarded for it; there will be no further flight into the free towns of the North and North-west; but they will gladly remain under that flag which, while protecting them, they themselves defend. One other lesson has been taught within the last year, and that is the lesson of the loyalty of the white people are those who are fighting for the Constitution and the Union, so the most loyal people of the seceded States are the blacks themselves. Shall we not use these blacks? Shall we not act upon the suggestions of some of our most gallant and experienced military men, and save our own brothers by accepting this ready, eager and honest assistance? What voter who has lost his relative or his friend by disease in the army, will not yield to this argument and ask that it may be carried into effect hereafter. The fact is, gentlemen, this war may as well be fought with the aid of the small army of this vast resource, and of every other means justified by our own necessities and by the usages of civilized nations. I know there are some who shrink from the idea of arming the colored men. Have they forgotten that they were armed during the revolutionary war by the direction of General Washington himself; that in the bloody battle of Red Bank, near Philadelphia, it was a regiment of Rhode Island negroes under command of Col. Ray Greene, who turned the fortunes of the day and fought to the last around the dead body of the commander. In this second war with England, Andrew Jackson enrolled the free blacks for the defence of Louisiana, and thanked them for their bravery after the victory was won. Has the colored race deteriorated since the Revolution, and our second struggle for independence? They ought to have wonderfully improved, if philosophers speak the truth. If the census reports lie, the symptoms of the improvement in the number of the colored race, and in the habits of exhibiting with negro equality, and charging that as one of the great ends of the republicans, will hardly deny that the infusion of the blood of the chivalry of the south ought to have greatly improved the negro race in that quarter. [Laughter.] Under this influence this race should certainly be improved, and, according to the doctrines of oligarchists, more refined. For, the nearer they approach the best ideal of a Southern gentleman, the better they are fitted to imitate the white man. The symptoms of the improvement in the number of the colored race, and in the habits of exhibiting with negro equality, and charging that as one of the great ends of the republicans, will hardly deny that the infusion of the blood of the chivalry of the south ought to have greatly improved the negro race in that quarter. 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